

# InterRoyal Site, Plainfield

## BACKGROUND

The CT Department of Public Health (CTDPH) and the Northeast District Department of Health created this fact sheet to alert citizens about the serious danger of trespassing at the former site of the InterRoyal Company, and to provide information on efforts to clean up the site. Information for this fact sheet came from a public health investigation conducted by the CTDPH and from an EPA document. For a copy of the CTDPH report, contact the Northeast District Department of Health (860-774-7350).



## ABOUT THE SITE:

The site is an abandoned mill located on 16.5 acres at 20 Reservoir St. From 1906 through the mid 1930s, a manufacturer of cotton cloth used the site. From 1937 until 1969, clothing, wood products, and metal furniture were manufactured at this site. The InterRoyal Corporation manufactured wood and metal institutional furniture on the site from 1970 to 1986. At different times between 1986 and 1995, InterRoyal leased portions of the facility to different businesses, including; a plastics recycling operation, a wood-working company, a wooden staircase manufacturer, and a plumbing fixture warehousing operation. The site was abandoned in 1995, and the structures have deteriorated significantly since. Partial demolition of the mill occurred in 2000.

## HAZARDS AT THE INTERROYAL SITE

### **Physical Hazards**

The site has many serious physical hazards and it is dangerous for anyone to trespass on site because:

- There are numerous piles of debris, open stairways, and open pits.
- There is the threat of building collapse.
- Trespassing increases the likelihood of fire.

## **Chemical Hazards**

Trespassers may be exposed to hazardous chemicals on site. Presently, the issues of concern, as identified by EPA, are:

- Asbestos in buildings
- Elevated levels of metals, semi-volatile organic compounds, polychlorinated biphenyls in surface & subsurface soils.
- Elevated levels of volatile organic compounds in on-site groundwater.

These issues are relevant to individuals in direct contact with soil, sediment, or building debris on site (trespassers). At the present time, the surrounding community is not affected by direct exposure.

## **HELP YOUR COMMUNITY!**

- **Trespassing on the InterRoyal site creates a public health hazard. Nearby residents should immediately report trespassers to the police.**
- **Parents should tell their children to keep off the site.**
- **Nearby residents should tell their neighbors to be on the look-out for trespassers.**

## **CLEAN-UP PLANS**

The EPA has recently closed their site investigation and are seeking approval to take several immediate actions to prevent access to the InterRoyal site and to address the asbestos contamination and other chemical hazards.

## **FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

**Northeast District Department of Health  
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