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ADPH releases public health assessment for American Brass, Inc site

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The former American Brass, Inc., site near Headland poses some threat to trespassers due to the potential for physical injury; however, the site currently poses no apparent public health hazard from contaminants on the site.

These are among the findings of a public health assessment that the Alabama Department of Public Health has released on contamination on and around the former American Brass, Inc., site. The industrial site is located in Henry County, Ala., on Highway 134 approximately four miles southwest of Headland. The department performed the health assessment under a cooperative agreement with the federal Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

The public health assessment also found that American Brass, Inc., might have posed a public health hazard for workers in the past from metal and pesticide contamination.

Until the site is remediated, it is recommended that access to the property be restricted and warning signs be posted. Other recommendations for the site include the evaluation of contaminated soil to select the appropriate remedial action and the continuation of the sampling of soil, sediment, water and air to determine the extent of contamination.

The Department of Public Health invites the public to review the public health assessment and offer comments on it. Copies are available for public review at the Blanche R. Solomon Memorial Library located at 17 Park St., Headland, Ala.

The public health assessment is also available on the Alabama Department of Public Health Web site at www.adph.org. Under A-Z contents, open Risk Assessment and Toxicology, Public Health Assessment and Hazardous Waste Sites. American Brass, Inc., will be the only site described.

Information and comments should be addressed to Chief of PERIS, Division of Health Assessment and Consultation, 1600 Clifton Road (E-60), Atlanta, Ga. 30333. Comments on the public health assessment must be received by March 31, 2003. All comments received will be evaluated and considered, and responses will be provided in the final version of the assessment.

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