

The Environmental Protection Agency has secured money to fund the disassembly and removal of the buildings at the Starmet Superfund Site in Concord. Starmet has vacated the site as of November 1, 2011. The cleanup contractor **demaximus inc.** is securing the building for the wintertime. 24 hour security at the site will continue uninterrupted during the transition and cleanup.

In the next few weeks, outside activities will be visible at the site:

- The cleanup contractor will be putting work trailers at the site.
- They will be reinforcing the roof and setting up blowers to heat the buildings.
- They will be setting up new power lines and natural gas lines to power the lights, fire suppression, and heating system.
- They will be using mowers, tree trimmers and wood chippers to clear brush and small trees along the fence lines and near the buildings so that security officers will be able to see better.
- They will also be upgrading some of the fencing and the gates will be locked.

All of these activities are happening in uncontaminated areas. Regular outdoor dust monitoring will be continuing. Outdoor activities will happen during regular working hours on weekdays. The Concord Fire Department is working closely with the contractor to ensure that all work is done safely. Paid details from the Concord Police Department will be providing security during non-working hours funded by the cleanup escrow account.

If the schedule continues according to plan:

- The contractors will spend this Winter stabilizing the inside of the buildings and removing loose flammable materials.
- In the Spring and Summer of 2012 large machines and furniture will be packaged, removed from the buildings, and shipped out for disposal.
- Actual disassembly of the buildings will start in 2013.

The EPA will be hosting a public meeting in early 2012 to answer questions about the removal of the buildings at 2229 Main Street. Melissa Taylor is the EPA project manager for the building removal and for the site-wide cleanup. Ms. Taylor can be contacted by phone at 617-918-1310 and by email at Taylor.Melissag@epa.gov

More details about the building removal project can be found at the EPA website:

<http://www.epa.gov/region1/superfund/sites/nmi/287738.pdf>

Historical information about activities at the site can be found in the annual reports of the 2229 Main Street Oversight Committee:

[http://www.concordma.gov/pages/ConcordMA\\_BComm/2229Committee](http://www.concordma.gov/pages/ConcordMA_BComm/2229Committee)