

# Edgewater to draft new Veterans Field clean-up plan

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**EDGEWATER** — A plan to reduce contamination at Veterans Field to the strictest residential standard will be drafted this week and presented to the governing body soon after, according to the borough's engineering consultant.

Ronald Dooney of TERMS Environmental Services, Inc. said he met with Waterside Construction LLC, the contractor responsible for trucking in tainted crushed concrete while cleaning up the park last year, and its licensed site remediation professional last week to confirm final laboratory results and discuss how best to remove the polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) that were recently mixed into the soil.

Waterside, which initially questioned the validity of the testing data and extent of contamination, proposed covering the toxins with a cap that would leave PCBs at a level of 10 parts per million. The company, owned by local developer Fred Daibes, has agreed to pay for the cleanup.

Borough officials are asking that contamination be reduced to 0.2 parts per million, the state's strictest standard, through soil removal.

"My intention and the intention of the governing body is to execute the original contract to make sure the field is cleaned up to the standard we were going for originally," said Mayor James Delaney.

**Edgewater** shut Veterans Field in September 2011 following the discovery of PCBs and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) in the park's historic fill. In June 2012, the borough hired Waterside to rid the soil of the potential carcinogens and renovate the field's amenities.

Remediation work abruptly came to a stop in October when TERMS detected new traces of PCBs at "extremely elevated" levels around the field's parking lots.

Waterside acknowledged that it had trucked in crushed concrete from the former Alcoa aluminum plant site on River Road but said the material was deemed safe for use by the Department of Environmental Protection at the time.

TERMS said the company failed to adhere to mandatory testing procedures before it dumped the material on the field.

Despite residents' protests, the borough ultimately decided to keep Waterside on the project and has tasked it with addressing the new contamination as well.

Once a new remediation plan is approved by the governing body and submitted, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will have 30 days to comment and suggest changes, according to Dooney. The cleanup should take about two months.

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