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Ft. Gillem Vapor Intrusion Study

Residents living near the former Ft. Gillem in Forest Park should direct health-related questions regarding the Army's vapor intrusion study to the Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH). The DPH contact is:

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The concern is that potentially toxic vapor from contaminated groundwater in the area has seeped into homes. To date, the Army has sampled air quality in 67 houses. Test results have been received for 37 houses and while 30 show elevated levels of vapors, they are not high enough to warrant immediate evacuation.

Gasoline, oil and solvents were dumped or buried on the Ft. Gillem property over the years, which contaminated the groundwater. The Army has said it will install vapor mitigation systems in the impacted houses to improve air quality.

All of the houses are on public water systems, so drinking water is not contaminated.

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