

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
BUREAU OF WASTE SITE CLEANUP
MEMORANDUM

TO: Dave Slowick, Section Chief, Emergency Response and
Ben Fish, Site Management/Permits *BF*

FROM: Caprice Shaw, Brownfields

DATE: September 26, 2012

SUBJECT: Update from last Memo on 3/28/2012
Lunt Silversmith, 298 Federal Street, Greenfield

RTN: 1-18869 (1-17758 less than RTN)

The following is a list of chronological events that have taken place since March 28, 2012 in regards to assessment activities at the former Lunt Silversmith site. Please refer to Memo dated 3/28/2012 for additional background on site activities.

On April 11th, 2012, Ms. Tillinghast, LSP retained by the Town, informed MassDEP that OTO sampled the outfall of Mead Brook and submitted four samples for analysis. All samples came back non-detect for VOCs and TCE. A question came up to whether the source pathway was accurate and she stated that there are still unknowns and possibilities it is being directed in a different direction. OTO's contract to do the work is limited in scope and is set for the Town's goals on this project. The Town's is considering purchasing or taking the property in lieu of non-payment of taxes. However, they want to address any potential off site migration that could pose a threat to the surrounding residences.

On April 27, 2012, MassDEP was informed that the current property owner, Lunt Silversmiths, Inc., was notified of the release at their property and that a 120-day notification would be due to MassDEP on August 27th. It was also mentioned to MassDEP that Lunt Silversmiths, Inc. had filed for bankruptcy and that it was financially unable to perform response actions at the site.

On May 3, 2012, MassDEP met with the Town of Greenfield (the Town) and their consultant OTO to decide on moving forward and assess indoor air quality at six to seven abutting properties located on Kenwood Avenue (with Forest Avenue as a backup). The Town indicated that they had available funds to perform a limited number of indoor air samples at the selected locations. MassDEP offered to assist the Town and provide technical staff to collect the indoor air samples, deliver them to the selected laboratory, and review and analyze the results. The Town indicated that OTO would supervise the sampling event and make the appropriate arrangements with MassDEP and selected laboratory. MassDEP determined that access agreement letters would be executed before the collection of the indoor air samples. The Town offered to make the initial contact with the selected property owners. A draft copy of the Phase II Environmental Site Assessment dated April 25, 2012, was subsequently submitted to MassDEP.

On June 21, 2012, MassDEP organized a pre-assessment planning meeting with representatives of Lunt Silversmiths, Inc., OTO, and the Town. Representatives from Lunt and the Town were not present. Details of collecting air samples including holding times and parameters were discussed. In addition, catch basins downgradient were identified for further sampling. Follow up with the Town was needed to identify selected properties to be sampled.