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Borough of Keyport Statement Regarding Recent NJ.com Reporting on Aeromarine Site

KEYPORT, NJ — The Borough of Keyport is issuing this statement in response to the article published by NJ.com on July 28, 2026, titled "Feared NJ Cancer Cluster Update: New Study Reveals Dangerous Toxins Persist as Locals Demand Answers".

The Borough deeply understands the concerns of our community regarding the Aeromarine site. We share your questions, and we are committed to working alongside you to find real answers and meaningful pathways forward. The health and safety of Keyport residents is not just our highest priority - it is why we are here - and we will not rest until we have the information our community deserves.

Status of SESI Report

In the interest of transparency, the Borough wishes to clarify that the full environmental report performed by SESI Consulting Engineers on behalf of Pacer Partners has not yet been released to the Borough of Keyport or to the public. Borough representatives have been in direct communication with representatives from Pacer Partners, who have expressed disagreement with the conclusions and characterizations alleged in the NJ.com article, and have clarified that SESI has not released a formal report at this time.

We understand that incomplete information can be frustrating and even alarming. The Borough urges our residents to exercise caution in drawing conclusions from secondhand or incomplete sources while we work to obtain the full picture.

Release of Excel Report and Public Meeting

The Borough is pleased to release the environmental investigation report on the occurrence, movement, and quality of shallow groundwater at the Former Aeromarine industrial facility provided by Excel Environmental Resources, Inc. This comprehensive report will be made available to the public on the Borough's website today.

Because we are committed to full transparency and meaningful public engagement, the Borough Council will schedule a special meeting in August to allow Excel Environmental Resources to present its findings in detail and to answer questions from the Council. We want you to hear directly from the experts, ask your questions, and receive thorough responses. Details regarding the date, time, and location of this special meeting will be announced shortly.

We know that concerns about health and safety drive much of the anxiety in our community, and we take those concerns seriously. The Borough is committed to relying on sound science and verified data in evaluating any potential risks to the community. Responsible scientific analysis requires clear evidence of exposure pathways, toxicity levels, and epidemiological correlation—and we will not stop asking questions until we have those answers.

Borough's Ongoing Commitment and Collaborative Approach

The Borough of Keyport is dedicated to collecting all available information to determine what risks, if any, residents may face in relation to the Aeromarine site. This is not work we can or will do alone.

We have been and will continue to partner closely with:

- **State agencies** to ensure regulatory oversight and access to state-level resources and expertise
- **SESI Consulting Engineers, Pacer Partners, and Bushwick Realty Corp. and Bay Ridge Realty Corp.** (the property owners) to obtain complete investigative reports and coordinate remediation efforts
- **Excel Environmental Resources** to verify groundwater quality at the Former Aeromarine industrial facility and provide independent findings
- **All relevant stakeholders** to ensure that any potential contaminants are identified and, working together with our other partners, that potential exposure pathways are properly evaluated and, if/as warranted based on the data, effectively addressed

Borough officials are in ongoing communication with environmental professionals, state agencies, and property owners to ensure that all necessary investigations are conducted thoroughly and that the community is kept informed every step of the way.

We understand that trust is built through action, not promises. We are committed to providing you with accurate, science-based information as it becomes available—and to doing so with transparency and honesty.

What You Can Do

We encourage residents to:

- Continue to follow updates via the Borough website and the NJDEP microsite (<https://dep.nj.gov/keyportlandfill/>)
- Review the Excel report once it is posted on the Borough's website
- Attend the upcoming special Council meeting to hear directly from Excel Environmental Resources
- Direct questions or concerns to Borough officials—we are here to listen and to help
- Submit your questions in advance of the special to deputyclerk@keyportonline.com
- Seek information from reliable, verified sources

We strongly advise residents to be cautious about drawing conclusions from sensational reporting that may not reflect the complete picture or the full body of available evidence.

Our Promise to You

The Borough of Keyport stands with you. We will continue to pursue all necessary steps to ensure our community has access to accurate, science-based information. We will continue to partner with every entity—public and private—that can help us find answers. And we will continue to prioritize the health, safety, and peace of mind of every Keyport resident.

We are in this together, and we will see it through together.