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Abington Township Update on SPS Technologies Incident

ABINGTON, PA: As of February 20, 2025, at 9:30 AM, the fire at SPS Technologies located at 301 Highland Avenue **remains active but is contained and investigations are ongoing.** Highland Avenue in the area of SPS **will be closed for the foreseeable future.** A full list of road closures and detours is available at www.abingtonpa.gov/SPSupdates.

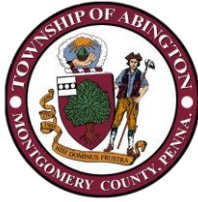
Emergency personnel have worked through the night and will continue to work to ensure public safety. The shelter-in-place and evacuation recommendation remain lifted at this time. Today, fire operations will shift to address the most immediate fire hot spots within the building. In order for fire suppression equipment to reach these locations, some demolition of the building will take place. Demolition will be carefully coordinated and overseen by all agencies, engineers, and responders on site. This is a necessary step to extinguishing the fire.

We cannot emphasize enough that there is **absolutely no trespassing on the site and will be strictly enforced.** All trespassers create a safety risk for all the emergency responders and public. Sections of the SPS Technologies building are structurally compromised and it is an active emergency scene as operations continue to unfold.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) continues to monitor air quality. **Based on the data collected, the monitoring equipment has not detected levels of contaminants of public concern.** Additional air monitoring equipment has been placed on site and around the area by third-party environmental consultants.

Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the Philadelphia Water Department (PWD) conducted an initial sampling of the Tookany Creek on February 18; **low levels of chemicals of concern were found in the creek** immediately downstream of the fire at that time. **There are no drinking water intakes from Tookany Creek.**

DEP resampled the creek on Wednesday, February 19 and **the results of those tests are not yet available.** Samples taken from the Delaware River did not detect any chemicals of concern. The DEP has published their website regarding this incident which contains additional air and water



quality information at <https://www.pa.gov/agencies/dep/about-dep/regional-office-locations/southeast-regional-office/southeast-community-information/sps-technologies.html>.

Drinking water supplies are not at risk. Aqua, Pennsylvania, the water provider in Abington, Jenkintown and Cheltenham has provided the following statement regarding drinking water:

“Aqua Pennsylvania is monitoring the situation in Abington Township, Montgomery County as investigators respond to the fire at SPS Technologies. Aqua responded to the scene late Monday night and concluded that there is currently no risk to drinking water in the surrounding area. We will continue to monitor the situation and will alert customers of any drinking water quality concerns. Customers should continue to check our website for updates. Aqua’s systems performed as designed to support the enormous water flow needed as fire companies responded to the blaze. Due to the firefighting effort, some customers in the area may experience lower than normal water pressure. We thank the first responders for braving frigid conditions as they worked to control this situation.”

SPS Technologies has established a community hotline for questions, comments or concerns. Residents can call 215-572-3326 or email contactSPS@pccairframe.com.

More detailed information will be provided at a **press conference scheduled for today, February 20, 2025, at 12 PM** at the Abington Township Municipal Building located at 1176 Old York Road, Abington, PA 19001. The press conference is media only and is not open to the public. **The press conference will be streamed live on the Township’s Facebook page at www.facebook.com/AbingtonTownship.** The press conference will be filmed and posted to Township outlets. Any further updates will be posted at www.abingtonpa.gov/SPSupdates and on Township social media on Facebook and Instagram @AbingtonTownship and on X @AbingtonPA .

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For media inquiries, please contact Ashley McIlvaine, Assistant Township Manager, at amcilvaine@abingtonpa.gov or 267-536-1004.