

# Town of Amherst Continued Environmental Monitoring at scene of Commercial Fire at 120 Earhart on Tuesday 7/20/21

## FAQ's

Town of Amherst Supervisor Brian Kulpa thanks the first responders and emergency personnel who responded quickly and efficiently to the fire at Premium PPE at 120 Earhart Drive in Amherst on July 20, 2021. The large commercial fire, under the command of the Main Transit Fire Department Chief Sprague and supported by the Town of Amherst Emergency Services, Police Department and other Town departments, Erie County Emergency Services, numerous mutual aid fire companies and additional agencies was one of the largest commercial fires in recent history. Due to the complex nature of this fire, Supervisor Kulpa wants to assure residents that environmental quality response is ongoing.

**Question:** Did the fire at 120 Earhart impact the air quality in Town?

**Answer:** Numerous Hazardous Material agencies set air and runoff monitoring immediately around the site and additional locations in the area. Preliminary reports did not indicate any significant hazards but we are awaiting the final reports due in the coming days.

**Question:** Were contaminants found in the soil on location or anywhere surround the site?

**Answer:** The Town of Amherst Engineering Department was on site taking soil samples. The results once available,( sometime next week), will be updated on this FAQ.

**Question:** Was the Town's storm water contaminated from efforts to battle the fire?

**Answer:** Testing of the fire runoff water showed that detergents used in the fire departments' efforts were detected. The fire had no impact on the drinking water system as that is a closed system and supplied by Erie County Water Authority

**Question:** When will games/practices resume at Mathewson McCarthy Baseball diamond?

**Answer:** All questions concerning Mathewson McCarthy should be directed to [www.mnbrb.org](http://www.mnbrb.org)

The ball diamonds were outside of the 1000' evacuation zone and were also upwind from the fire.

This FAQ sheet will be updated in the coming days

For any additional questions or concerns, please email the address set up specifically for this response effort: [premiumppefire@apdny.org](mailto:premiumppefire@apdny.org)