

# Crosby Harvey Settlement

## FAQs

### **Q1. What is the Settlement About?**

A. The Crosby Harvey Settlement Remediation Program involves, in part, testing and remediation (clean-up) of property in the Class Area defined by a 7-mile radius in and around the Crosby, Texas Arkema site.

To conduct the property testing (sampling), a contractor was selected through a competitive bidding process initiated by the Settlement Administrator's August 8, 2024 delivery of a Request for Proposal to the list of potential bidders approved under the Settlement Agreement. Edge Science and Engineering (Edge) of Houston, Texas was selected as the sampling contractor, under the oversight of Robin Mann, a Professional Geologist licensed in the State of Texas in accordance with Texas Administrative Code 1§1002.252.

Edge was retained to sample exterior surface soil and interior settled dust from accessible portions of properties and structures determined by the Settlement Administrator to be eligible from within the 7-mile Class Area.

### **Q2. When will the properties be sampled by the Settlement?**

A. Field sampling activities began on June 9, 2025, and continued through October 4, 2025.

### **Q3. What toxins are being tested for under the Settlement?**

A. Dioxins/furans are mixtures of chemical compounds (congeners) that have similar chemical structures. Analytical data for soil and dust samples is reported as concentration for each individual dioxin and furan congener.

A congener is an individual chemical within a family of similar chemicals. There are 75 dioxin congeners and 135 furan congeners, of which 7 dioxin and 10 furan congeners are considered particularly toxic. Congeners that contain the same number of chlorine atoms, regardless of where they are positioned, can be grouped together as a homologue class.

### **Q4. What work was performed for soil sampling under the Settlement?**

A. For Personal Identification Numbers ("PINs") with surface soil accessible for sampling, generally two composited surface soil samples were collected from each property. Soil sampling was conducted in general accordance with the Interstate Technology & Regulatory Council (ITRC) Incremental Sampling Methodology (ISM) whereby composite samples were collected as 30-point equivalent volume aliquot or increment samples from the upper 3-inches of soil below the overlying sod or litter layer in accordance with the project Sampling and Analysis Plan.

Surface soil sampling was directed to the ¼ to ½-acre area surrounding the home or occupied structure, when present. Generally, wooded areas with leaf-litter ground surfaces or dense overgrowth were not sampled. Additional samples were collected from larger properties. For properties larger than 1-acre, ICS/ISM Decision Unit ("DU") dimensions were adjusted to larger than 0.25-acres. Additional soil samples were collected for larger properties based on field verification by the Settlement Technical Advisor.

## **Q5. What work was performed for interior dust sampling under the Settlement?**

A. For PINs that included an inhabited structure, wipe samples were collected to assess the presence of dioxin in settled dust. Sampled interior surfaces included floors, particularly floor surfaces near entrances, and other accessible surfaces that may have been impacted by dioxins from settled dust or soil tracked indoors. Typically, six investigative field wipe samples were collected per structure, with limited deviations approved by the Settlement Technical Advisor to address unique structural configurations. Generally, samples were collected from the following locations in residential properties:

- (1) floor child play area not bedroom,
- (1) kitchen floor, OR points of ingress/egress from outdoors to indoors, including pets.
- (1) bedroom floor youngest child,
- (1) bedroom floor next oldest child;
- (1) discretionary sample child touch surface OR additional points of ingress/egress from outdoors to indoors, including pets.
- (1) discretionary sample from attic, basement, or other interior dust reservoir(s)

Dust wipe samples were collected by the methods in the approved SAP utilizing a clean laboratory-provided hexane moistened gauze wipe and template measuring 12-inches x 12-inches (1 ft<sup>2</sup>) to define the sampled surface area to collect sufficient sample volume to attain a minimum laboratory detection limit during analysis.

At the conclusion of each sampling day, soil and dust samples were submitted, under chain of custody record, to a Eurofins Built Environment Testing (Eurofins) of Houston Texas laboratory courier for analysis of dioxins and furans by U.S. EPA SW-846 Method 8290A using High Resolution Gas Chromatography / High Resolution Mass Spectrometry (HRGC/HRMS) for 19 dioxin and furan congeners and homologues. Eurofins is accredited by the Texas Commission for Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Laboratory Accreditation Program to perform the analyses in Texas.

## **Q6. When will the incentive payment be mailed for the sampling portion of the Settlement?**

A. The payments were mailed in November 2025. Please note that this payment is for your participation in allowing the Settlement to sample your soil. This does not mean that you qualify for remediation.

## **Q7. When will the sampling results be mailed out?**

A. Sampling results will be distributed to all participating Claimants at the same time. Our estimated projection is mid-2026. Due to the sampling of properties, we must get approval by the Court to lower the sampling baseline in order to have properties to remediate.

**Q8. When will the remediation portion of the Settlement begin?**

**A.** The remediation phase will begin when we have approval from the Court. We will then mail your soil and/or house sampling results to you with a remediation plan. If your property is remediated, your remediation payment will be paid at the end.

**Q9. Is the claims office open if I have questions or need to bring something in?**

**A.** Yes. The claims office is located at the Staybridge Hotel in Baytown. The phone number is 832-339-0096.