



## **City & EPA Conduct Sampling at 840 Yampa** *Current Levels Do Not Indicate Threat to Public Health*

**STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO-November 4, 2022**-The City of Steamboat Springs with the assistance of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will begin a sampling program to further understand conditions at and around 840 Yampa Street as part of the sale of the property.

“We’re in full agreement that further investigation is necessary and that working with the EPA is the best course of action,” commented City Attorney Dan Foote. “We do not believe there is a threat to public health, and we are working to confirm that with the EPA’s assistance.”

As part of an environmental assessment during the sale of the property, two contaminants associated with dry cleaning – tetrachloroethene (PCE) & trichloroethylene (TCE) - were identified in the vicinity of the property.

The city has asked the EPA for assistance with vapor intrusion sampling and indoor air quality sampling at the fire station.

Next week, EPA crews will mobilize and start to determine the source of these contaminants through field inspections and sub-slab and indoor air sampling at the downtown fire station. If required, additional monitoring wells around the perimeter of the property may be implemented to help establish the source.

In addition, well network and hydrogeologic data will be reviewed to determine potential sources and pathways of contamination. Based on findings, the EPA will recommend if any remediation actions should be undertaken.

The EPA will be working with the city staff including the Fire Chief and Distribution & Collection Manager along with Big Agnes management, the current tenant of the property.

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