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TEN YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF KIDDIE KOLLEGE - NJDEP TIGHTENS UP REQUIREMENTS

Those in the Philadelphia/South Jersey area remember ten years ago, when it was found that a daycare center was operating in a former thermometer factory, and DEP ordered immediate closure of the daycare center. Although much has been written about the case, the courts have continued to dig through responsibilities for allowing the daycare center to be built in the former thermometer factory where mercury vapors were found in the daycare operating area.

Although few significant healthcare/children problems were found, some parents are unsure that their children were not affected.

A lot has changed with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's Site Remediation Program, and another step was recently taken to tighten up requirements before daycare and education facilities can open in New Jersey. To learn more about DEP's changes, go to <http://www.nj.gov/dep/dccrequest/>.

NJDEP recently announced that they will no longer allow childcare centers to open without specific due diligence. NJDEP now requires at least a Preliminary Assessment which carries additional requirements for these types of facilities, and issuance of a Response Action Outcome Statement. The NJDEP letters which were previously issued allowing centers to open, were a holdover from the days before New Jersey privatized site cleanup activities.

RT's Licensed Site Remediation Professionals have completed work at many daycare facilities, and in some instances remediation was required, or properties were appropriately divided so that the daycare operations were environmentally safe for the children attending the facility.

Over the last several years, NJDEP has continued to expand, and has provided in depth Guidance, as well as consultation, to make sure that its Remediation Program, which still has to address many thousands of sites, works effectively, appropriately and efficiently.

For more information on our LSRP services, and what is required for daycare facilities, you can contact Gary Brown at 610-804-8657 - email: gbrown@rtenv.com or Chris Ward at 610-329-5224 - email cward@rtenv.com.



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