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Abington Township Update on SPS Technologies Incident

ABINGTON, PA: As of February 20, 2025, at 5 PM, the fire at SPS Technologies located at 301 Highland Avenue **remains active but is contained and investigations are ongoing.**

As discussed in the previous release and at the press conference, fire operations have shifted to address the most immediate fire hot spots within the building. Reconnaissance of the building is complete with HazMAT, environmental, and demolition contractors. Demolition crews will be working with the Abington Township Fire Department, tomorrow, Friday, February 21, 2025, to gain access to the hot spots to completely extinguish the fire. Demolition operations will only be during daylight hours.

Once the fire is extinguished, the operation will change over to a recovery operation where SPS Technologies will take over as the responsible party and their environmental contractors will conduct remediation efforts in coordination with the Township and federal, state, county and local agencies. SPS Technologies is currently working to de-inventory the chemicals stored in the portion of the building that was untouched by fire.

There is absolutely no trespassing on the site. All trespassers create a safety risk for all the emergency responders and the public. Sections of the SPS Technologies building are structurally compromised and it is an active emergency scene. 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.

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.

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) have created a webpage dedicated to the incident that contains air and water quality information that can be viewed at www.dep.pa.gov/spstechnologies. As previously reported, **low levels of chemicals of**



concern were found in the Tookany Creek immediately downstream of the fire on Tuesday, February 18. **There are no drinking water intakes from Tookany Creek.** DEP resampled the creek on Wednesday, February 19, and **the results of those tests are pending.** Samples taken from the Delaware River did not detect any chemicals of concern. **The public drinking water supplies are not at risk** and Aqua continues to monitor the situation.

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

At this time, **no further press conferences or press releases are planned until there is a substantial change** in the situation and an update to provide. The Township is continuing to work on updating its webpage, www.abingtonpa.gov/SPSupdates, with frequently asked questions and resources. Information will be posted at www.abingtonpa.gov/SPSupdates and on Township social media on Facebook and Instagram @AbingtonTownship and on X @AbingtonPA.

Please sign up for notifications about emergencies, disasters, and community information through Ready Montco Alert System at readymontco.org.

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