



Hello Jana PTA Family,

Jana PTA is reaching back out to you as a member of the Jana community to provide you an update on the test results related to the radioactive contamination found on Jana's school grounds near Coldwater Creek.

Hazelwood School District (HSD) granted the request for additional testing at Jana Elementary. The testing was conducted in August to determine if the radioactive material moved inside Jana Elementary and on to the immediate playground areas at our school. The test results and the report findings were provided to Jana PTA and reviewed by our leadership (see the attached report [here](#)).

The test results indicate **high levels of radioactive lead, pb 210** found in the following areas:

- Inside the Jana Elementary school building (specifically on the cafeteria fan, in the boiler room, and in the school library)
- Jana Elementary school playground areas' soil (specifically the kindergarten play area and near the basketball court area)

The school's soil and dust samples are tied to the radioactive lead associated with the radioactive bomb wastes from WWII manufactured in St. Louis. Thus, the contamination of the school is caused by the radioactive contamination of Coldwater Creek, which has remained unremediated since the 1940's.

Existing regulations that govern North St. Louis County properties, overseen by the Army Corps of Engineers, allows for unsafe levels of radioactive contaminants to remain in communities (including Jana Elementary School). Despite differing laws that mandate cleanup and better protection of human health, these regulations may not be followed and would result in the school NOT being remediated, ever. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has established clear guidelines for lead contamination remediation to create a safe environment for students and staff which should be followed. However, there may be reluctance from public officials to remediate our school without your expressed support. Health implications for the long-term exposure to radioactive bomb waste is detailed in the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry's report (2019), linked [here](#).

We Need Your Help!

Jana PTA is working tirelessly to ensure proper remediation of the school's property to guarantee a safe environment for our kids, teachers, and school staff. Please join us to support Jana Elementary's complete cleanup.

Here are ways that you can help:

- **Contact HSD Board of Education.** Communicate individual concerns to HSD Board of Education to ensure Jana is remediated properly to protect the health of our school's students and staff. Family and friends are welcome to take action as well.



- **Join Jana PTA's upcoming meetings.** Jana PTA will be convening additional meetings to coordinate with the Jana community and the general public to create avenues to advocate for better residential cleanup of impacted areas around the North St. Louis County community.
- **Alert elected officials that represent our communities.** Jana PTA urges all of our members and their networks to reach out to all elected officials that represent our communities to ask for their support to ensure the proper clean up of our school in a timely manner.
 - Sample messaging: *"The radioactive contamination found inside Jana Elementary School and in the outside play area is an unacceptable threat. I am requesting an immediate cleanup of hazardous waste on Jana Elementary School property and building, in its entirety, to ensure the safety of our children, teachers, and school staff."*

Please find our list of resources and Jana PTA Tool [Kit](#) provided below.

Questions and/or concerns regarding the Coldwater Creek contamination and impact to Jana Elementary can be directed to Jana's PTA at janatigerspta@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

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References and Resources:

Jana School Building and Playground [report](#)

Jana PTA Advocacy Tool [Kit](#)

St. Louis County Articles regarding Cleanup Efforts:

[Concerns linger as completion date for Coldwater Creek cleanup pushed to 2038 | Metro | stltoday.com](#)

[St. Louis County plan pushes testing, cleanup for all Coldwater Creek-area work | Politics | stltoday.com](#)

The Army Corps of Engineers, charged with the local area cleanup

Main Website: <https://www.mvs.usace.army.mil/Missions/FUSRAP/>

Army Corps Coldwater Creek Information:

<https://www.mvs.usace.army.mil/Missions/FUSRAP/SLAPS-VPs/>

Army Corps of Engineers Record of Decision

<https://www.mvs.usace.army.mil/Missions/FUSRAP/North-County-ROD/>

Map of hotspots at Jana, see linked [document](#). *Red triangles indicate elevated radioactivity.*

Center for Disease Control's Agency overseeing the health impacts of Coldwater Creek

https://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/sites/coldwater_creek/resources.html

Center for Disease Control Preventing Exposures

https://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/sites/coldwater_creek/docs/coldwater_creek_factsheet_508.pdf

Center for Disease Control report on Coldwater Creek Health Impacts (2019)

https://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/sites/coldwater_creek/docs/St_Louis_Airport_Site_Hazelwood_InterimSto_PHA-508.pdf

Missouri Coalition for the Environment

<https://moenvironment.org/our-work/hazardous-waste/stl-toxic-waste-alliance/>

Jana Property Sampling [data](#) from Army Corps of Engineers, via MCE FOIA

Hazelwood School Board Meetings Discussing Coldwater Creek



June 6, 2022 – See the 22 minute mark for two presentations to the school board on Coldwater Creek, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GRNoyVPnabc>

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July 19, 2022 – See the 2 hour mark for discussion on Coldwater Creek, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2LmuJCVnaWI>

Florissant Valley Library – Printed copies of documents available for public reading and assistance in understanding the documented findings.