



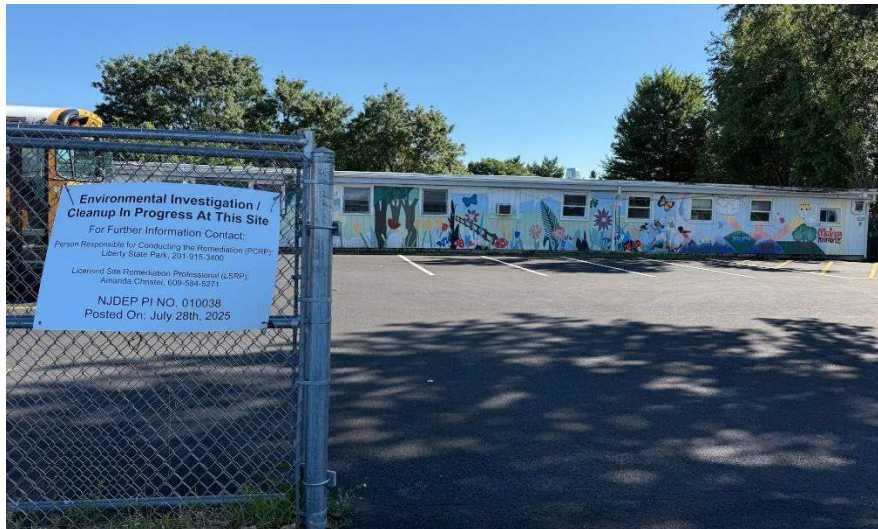
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August 25, 2025

Shawn M. LaTourette, Commissioner  
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Dear Commissioner LaTourette,

I am reaching out regarding a sign posted outside of Camp Liberty in Liberty State Park (photo enclosed) that reads: “Environmental Investigation/Cleanup in Progress at this Site.” According to the [educationalartsteam.org](http://educationalartsteam.org) website, Camp Liberty was in session and hosted children in its programs from June 30, 2025, through August 22, 2025, while this sign indicates it was posted on July 28, 2025. Seeing a cleanup warning so close to a children’s camp has raised concern in the community.



So far, we have not been able to find any public announcements or communications from NJDEP about this action. We do not want to jump to conclusions, but as residents and stakeholders we would appreciate your help in answering the following questions.

- What prompted this investigation and cleanup?
- What contaminants were identified, in what concentrations, and how do these levels compare to NJDEP's remediation standards?
- How long has the investigation been underway, and what is the expected timeline for cleanup?
- Will this area be restricted from public access during the cleanup, and what safeguards are being implemented in the meantime?
- Have children, staff, or visitors potentially been exposed? Has any risk assessment or monitoring been done?
- Beyond this signage, what efforts have been made to notify the public?
- Will NJDEP release the investigation reports, sampling data, and cleanup plans connected to this site?

Liberty State Park is one of Jersey City's most important public spaces. Families trust it as a safe place for their children. We share the same goal of keeping this park safe, open, and healthy, and we hope NJDEP can help shed light on this matter and provide reassurance to residents.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to your reply and to us working together.

Sincerely,

*Bob*

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President  
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