Tests show arsenic spread outside Dunbar toxic dump site

The arsenic found at a former toxic dump site has now spread. Testing in the area around South Street shows arsenic detected outside of the originally suspected site.

The city's newly released results show levels are up to three times higher than EPA standards off-site.

Toxic sludge site found to be tampered with in Fort Myers

The new revelation has residents even more concerned and looking for answers.

"Is the water clean enough to drink?" asked life-long Dunbar resident Jumar Hillard.

That's the main question residents want to know after the results were released.

City votes to hire lawyer to deal with toxic sludge site handlings

The latest report also has many wondering just how much arsenic is present.

"And I'm like, where is it? Has it stopped?" asked Theresa Hamilton, who lives across the street from the site.

Hamilton said her water smells like sulfur when she turns it on.

"We drink this water, we bathe in this water, and it smells," said Hamilton.

State leader calls on national government to aid toxic sludge cleanup

She believes it's coming from the toxic sludge site.

"So when it rained across the street and dried up, we could smell it. So I know its something over there."

She said the people in this area need answers.

"The neighbors need to know how [the city's] going to fix this and what we can look forward to."

Hillard said what information they have received by mail from the city just isn't enough. They've got the numbers, but they don't know what they mean.

"It still doesn't really completely show what exactly whats going on, and is it safe?"

Toxic sludge situation prompts lawsuit by Dunbar neighbors

So without knowing, residents said they're taking extra precautions.

"I've got to buy more water," said Hamilton. "Boil my water. And, I don't even know if boiling my water is good or not."
But they're still concerned about their health.

"Cooking, eating, drinking, brushing your teeth - it's hazardous," said Hamilton.

And they want to know what's next.

"I mean I'm okay now, but what about the future? What about my kids? It makes me worry going forward," said Hillard.

We reached out to the mayor and city manager, they both said they don't want to comment until they have the full results.

Ward 2 councilman Johnny Streets said he would hold a press conference on Thursday during which he will address the toxic site.

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