

Who Could Be Held Liable for Toxic Exposure Claims from the Keyport Cancer Cluster?

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In Keyport, New Jersey, ongoing concerns about cancer cases have left many residents wondering who could potentially be held responsible if environmental contamination is involved.

While a direct connection between any specific source and reported cases has not been confirmed, toxic exposure claims often focus on identifying parties that may have contributed to contamination over time. Understanding how liability works can help provide useful context for families seeking answers.

Who May Be Responsible for Environmental Contamination?

In situations like the one in [Keyport](#), liability is often not limited to a single entity. Instead, investigators may look at several different types of parties, including:

- **Industrial or commercial operations facilities** that handle hazardous substances such as manufacturing plants, chemical operations, or waste sites are often examined first. The former [Aeromarine landfill](#) in Keyport is a location that is currently at the center of concern.
- **Former property owners** even if a business no longer operates today, companies that previously owned or used a site can still be involved. Environmental laws may allow responsibility to extend back decades, especially if contamination was never fully addressed.
- **Developers and builders** If residential areas or public spaces were built on or near contaminated land. Developers may be reviewed to determine whether proper environmental testing and disclosure occurred before construction.
- **Government agencies or public entities** may also come into focus, particularly if issues involve drinking water systems, environmental oversight, or site management. While these cases are more complex, they are sometimes part of broader investigations.
- **Chemical manufacturers or waste handling companies** that produced, transported, or disposed of hazardous materials may also be relevant if their actions contributed to contamination.

Why Liability Can Be Difficult to Determine

Environmental exposure cases are rarely straightforward. Multiple factors can complicate the process, including long timelines, multiple contributors, and scientific uncertainty.

Because of this, identifying responsibility often involves reviewing environmental data, historical records, and expert evaluations. Even when answers are not immediately clear, investigations can help uncover critical information about past and present conditions in the community.

Wilentz is Investigating the Keyport Cancer Cluster

Situations involving possible toxic exposure are complex and often require significant legal and scientific resources to evaluate. Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A. is investigating claims related to environmental contamination and cancer concerns in Keyport, New Jersey. The firm has experience handling complex cases involving multiple potentially responsible parties and long-term exposure issues.

If you have questions about the [Keyport cancer cluster](#) or believe you or a loved one may have been affected, contact a member of our Mass Tort/Class Action team.

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