



**Immediate Press Release – February 22, 2019**

**County of Allegan, City Of Otsego Receive Notification  
Rock-Tenn Paper Mill – Power House Abatement**

**(OTSEGO, MI)** – The County of Allegan and the City of Otsego received notice from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announcing approved funding for the time-critical action to remove asbestos from the former Rock Tenn Paper Mill at 431 Helen Street, Otsego, Michigan. This is in response to a joint request from the Allegan County Treasurer’s Office (owner of property) and the City of Otsego (governing municipality) submitted on June 28, 2018.

These funds have been made available under the EPA Time-Critical Removal Action (TCRA). This money will allow for the entire power house to be demolished and removed by EPA contractors. The power house may be considered the most difficult building on the complex to remove due to its size, contents and inherit structural dangers. This action will aid in redevelopment opportunities. The EPA’s schedule for the project is planned for April of 2019 and should take 60 days to complete.

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