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# BioLab Incident

## News Release from Unified Command

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### **Continued Improvements in Air Quality Following BioLab Incident**

**CONYERS, Georgia** – Significant progress has been identified in air quality monitoring efforts at and around the BioLab facility. Ongoing air quality assessments over the past two weeks show a steady reduction in chlorine levels, reflecting the success of mitigation and cleanup operations.

#### **Air Quality Monitoring Updates:**

- **Initial Reduction:** Air monitoring beginning on **September 29, 2024**, showed a **consistent decrease** in chlorine concentrations over the first seven days of testing.
- **Further Improvement:** During the **second seven-day period**, chlorine levels continued to drop, showing **additional decreases** in concentration.
- **Good News:** In the most recent **three consecutive 24-hour reporting periods**, no chlorine levels have exceeded the U.S. EPA's action limit.

Responders from the Environmental Protection Agency and partners conducting air quality monitoring operations each day to test chlorine levels. Air monitoring operations range from the BioLab facility throughout Rockdale County depending on environmental conditions.

The data collected is populated on a map consisting of fixed air monitoring stations which collect measurements 24/7, as well as roving air monitoring measurements collected by responders within the past 12 hours.

The air monitoring results and maps are available to view on the EPA website here:

<https://www.epa.gov/ga/conyers-ga-biolab-fire>

The **Trace Atmospheric Gas Analyzer (TAGA)** bus, a self-contained mobile laboratory capable of real-time air monitoring, will remain active at the site to continue collecting data in the coming days. TAGA records two readings per second and uses GPS and GIS systems to automatically mark each reading on a map. The data collected from responders, fixed monitoring devices, and TAGA gets compiled and analyzed by toxicologists and other subject matter experts to assist in determinations for school and business reopenings.

This continued monitoring is part of the Unified Command's commitment to ensuring the safety and health of the community.

**Community Safety Measures:**

- Residents are reminded that **no dangerous chlorine levels** have been detected in recent monitoring data.
- While air monitoring will continue, residents within the affected area can remain reassured that air quality remains **within safe limits**.

The Unified Command remains committed to transparency and will provide additional updates as new data becomes available. For information on community resources, visit:

[www.BioLabCommunityResources.com](http://www.BioLabCommunityResources.com).

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