

## GLOBALFOUNDRIES

# Test site buried items<sup>546022</sup> secured

*EPA has moved 34  
steel cylinders into  
containment locker*

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## Malta

Federal officials say they have finally secured dozens of stainless steel canisters that were found buried at a former weapons testing site in Malta next to GlobalFoundries.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, with help from the State Police, moved 34 of the cylinders from the ground to a special containment locker.

The EPA is unsure if the canisters contain any explosive material.

The canisters had been discovered on June 6 by a contractor working to clean up the site, known as the **Malta Rocket Fuel Area**, which the U.S. government used to test rocket and weapons technology from 1945 through the Cold War.

The 165-acre site is located in the middle of the 1,400-acre Luther Forest Technology Campus, which is also home to the GlobalFoundries Fab 8 computer chip factory, where 3,000 people work.

The canisters were found in the northeast corner of the Malta Rocket Fuel Area, named a contaminated Superfund site in the 1980s.

Although the discovery was 500 feet from the closest

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GlobalFoundries parking lot, the EPA asked that GlobalFoundries close off parts of the lot, along with an access road and a contractor entrance until the site could be secured.

The closest homes are more than a mile away, and local officials said there is no danger to the public.

"The containment locker, which is being used for temporary on-site storage, will minimize the impact of any accidental explosion while EPA continues to consult with experts to determine the safest method to address the intact cylinders in the long term," the EPA said Tuesday.



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Dozens of steel canisters were found buried at the former weapons testing site in Malta near GlobalFoundries.

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