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Ref: 8 EPR

Date: July 14, 2014

Mr. Dizzie Whitaker and Ms. Cleo C. Crockett
3541 Steele Street
Denver, Colorado 80205-4338

Re: 3541 Steele Street

Dear Mr. Dizzie Whitaker and Ms. Cleo C. Crockett:

This letter and enclosure serves to inform you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has placed a Notice of Environmental Conditions (Notice) in the property file of 3541 Steele Street at the City and County Denver Clerk and Recorder's office. A copy of the recorded Notice which was filed at the Clerk and Recorder's office on June 25, 2014 is enclosed.

The property is located within the Vasquez Boulevard & Interstate 70 (VB/I-70) Superfund Site boundaries. The VB/I-70 Superfund Site includes four square miles and all or part of five neighborhoods: Swansea/Elyria, Cole, Clayton, northern Curtis Park, and southwest Globeville. Since 1998, EPA has been working closely with the State of Colorado and the City of Denver to address soil contamination in these neighborhoods. For more information about the VB/I-70 Superfund Site, please visit http://www2.epa.gov/region8/vasquez-boulevard-i-70.

The purpose of the Notice is to inform *future buyers* of the property that there is known contamination in the soil above levels that EPA considers safe. Sampling results at your property show that your soil has 212 parts per million (ppm) lead and 76 ppm arsenic. EPA considers levels above 400 ppm lead and/or 70 ppm arsenic to pose an unacceptable risk to the health of residents living within the VB/I-70 Superfund Site boundaries. Both children and adults can suffer a variety of serious health problems if they are exposed to too much lead and/or arsenic.

Between 2003 and 2013, EPA has made numerous efforts through mailings, community meetings, and door-to-door campaigns to gain your permission for EPA to access and clean up your property. Most recently, EPA mailed two letters in 2012 - 2013, again seeking your permission to access and clean up your property. In addition these last two

letters informed you of EPA's plan to place a Notice of Environmental Conditions in the property file at the City and County of Denver Clerk & Recorder's Office if permission to access your property was not granted. Since access was not granted to EPA, EPA has filed the enclosed Notice in the property records.

In addition to placing the Notice in the property record, EPA will mail an informational letter annually to both the owner of the property and to the residents living at the property. The purpose of the annual informational letter (not enclosed) is to alert *current residents* at the property that there is known contamination that could be harmful to the health of the residents. The informational letter will be mailed to this same address and to the property owner's address, (if they differ), beginning in early 2015.

If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact either Paula Schmittdiel at 303-312-6861 or Jennifer Chergo at 303-312-6601.

Sincerely,

Bill Murray, Director
Superfund Remedial Response Program