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Today's update.

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Attached is the fact sheet we'll be sending by email to Congressional Staff today and providing to the homeowners we meet when requesting access later this afternoon.

All of the files for this investigation will be available online:

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Subject: Spanish Village Housing Rad Screening next week

On Monday Dec. 26, EPA Region 7 Superfund experts and our CIC/press officer will be in Spanish Village near the West Lake Landfill seeking access to a few homes where they can conduct radiological screening. If homeowners agree to provide access, the screening would take place Tuesday at the earliest. We are planning to brief congressional staff Tuesday morning at 10:00 a.m. CT via teleconference. We are not holding a news conference but will issue a news release and be available for interviews in Spanish Village if needed. The news release is provided below FYI.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best,

Curtis

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EPA to Screen Spanish Village Homes for Radiation in Bridgeton, Mo.

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Environmental News

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

(Lenexa, Kan., Dec. XX, 2016) – EPA is conducting a radiation screening at a limited number of homes in Bridgeton's Spanish Village neighborhood beginning today. The screening is part of a focused response to address concerns raised in a recently filed lawsuit that alleges potential radioactive contamination in a Spanish Village home.

"As a public health agency, we take these allegations seriously," said EPA Region 7 Administrator Mark Hague. "We have developed a sampling plan and are working quickly to implement it."

As a part of the investigation the agency will screen areas within and around the selected homes for alpha, beta, and gamma radiation. EPA is planning to test a limited number of homes in the immediate vicinity of the residence identified in the lawsuit.

In addition to radiation screening for potentially elevated readings, the EPA will also take exterior soil samples and interior surface and dust samples. The agency will send samples to a certified laboratory to test for the presence of various radionuclides, including Thorium-230.

The data collected during this screening will help EPA determine if elevated levels of radionuclides are present beyond what is naturally occurring and if further investigation and response by EPA may be warranted.

Once the agency has had a chance to review the data and prepare a report, we will provide the data from this investigation to the individual homeowners and notify the public of any future actions.

EPA coordinated with the United States Army Corps of Engineers, the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, and the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services in developing this sampling plan.

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