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Subject: call w DEC re Hoosick

Just FYI: I received another call today from Tom Berkman, DEC's General Counsel, and his deputy, Scott Crisafulli. They wanted to speak with me further about the sampling that EPA has asked Saint-Gobain and Honeywell to do in residential yards, etc. (see our 3/31/16 letter). I explained again the difference between the two separate sampling efforts EPA is doing or planning (the pre-remedial sampling vs. the removal sampling) and the respective purposes of those efforts. I pointed them to our Community Update #4 and our letter to the Mayor, which discuss these sampling efforts. I told them that the PRPs are due to get back to us on Monday, April 11, about our invitation that they do the removal sampling. Tom said that the PRPs might be more willing to do that sampling under the same order as the one covering the RI/FS (which DEC is close to finalizing with the PRPs) than under a separate order with EPA. I said that EPA wants to have the lead on the removal sampling and so we don't want DEC to include it in their RI/FS order. I said we have made it clear to the public and the mayor that we have the lead on this aspect and we intend to stick to that. I pointed out that the state has the lead on just about everything else (apart from the pre-remedial sampling and NPL listing). Tom didn't argue with anything I said.

We will see what Saint-Gobain and Honeywell say to us on Monday about the removal sampling, and we'll take it from there.