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Thank you for that concise summary Eric.

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Sent: Tuesday, July 12, 2016 11:30 AM
To: Rice, Timothy B (DEC) <timothy.rice@dec.ny.gov>
Subject: RE: Surveys

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I understand the sensitivity of the situation right now. I will be updating everyone with what is going on. I am fine with questions whenever they arise. As I wrote, the town has not returned my email from the 10th. So I have no idea. I am just prioritizing my workload between the two sites currently. I will be taking some time off but will be engaged during the work weeks on certain days. Once I hear back from the town, I will let you know. However, you can be assured nothing will be occurring until August and it is not a priority to survey those residences.

From: Rice, Timothy B (DEC) [mailto:timothy.rice@dec.ny.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, July 12, 2016 11:25 AM
To: Daly, Eric <Daly.Eric@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Surveys

I'm doing well Eric. Thanks for asking. I hope you are doing okay as well.

Yesterday, Mike Basile forwarded your e-mail to our Regional Engineer, Jim Strickland. It explained in general terms that EPA had offered to the Town to perform surveys of residential areas around the site. We do understand that the offer was based on the Town's request and not any data suggesting any impact in those areas.

Did the Town give any indication that they would be reaching out to adjacent property owners and informing them of the EPA offer, or possibly that they would be making a public announcement of the same? I am just trying to get a handle on how this process may proceed, and what the areal extent of it may include.

Note that I will be informing the DOH BERP of this development today as well so there may be additional questions over the next week or two.

Thanks,
Tim

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Hi Tim:

How are you doing? I am just curious. How did you find out about this potential assessment? I'm amazed how certain information moves so quickly and others do not.

By request, Mike Basile (USEPA Public Affairs Official) attended Town of Lewiston Environmental Board Meeting on June 20th. I was at a training and I asked Mike to go in my place. There were six members of the commission present as well as two guests and the town clerk. Mike provided the attendees with a copy of the Holy Trinity fact sheet and also provided some maps to illustrate the areas that we have fenced off. The chairperson, Gerry Wolfgang, asked that we consider conducting residential surveying to the west of the fenced off area. There is no data or historical information that leads us to assess those areas. However, since the Town had requested, on July 10th I emailed their town clerk and informed them I would be willing to conduct gamma surveys in the yards and inside the homes if the individual resident desire. Meaning, we would need information on each resident (owner name, parcel #, address, phone/email) and then contact them to see if they want this survey to be conducted. We would then need signed access agreements. I have not received a response from the town yet.

So as you see, whomever informed you about us doing the work is a bit premature since I have no feedback yet. Again, this is a courtesy by request of the town and not EPA branching out to conduct further assessment on our own.

The only residence we are working at is Area 5. Which you are aware. We will be conducting some soil sampling on that property and in the road (Roberts Avenue). Those plans have also only been finalized in the last couple days. That won't occur until August. This work is based off of either data or historical information. Mostly by the owner's account of the dirt road continuing through his property.

We have been extremely busy here at NFB as you know but I will be sending updates out on both sites. You are usually in the know for the most part before I sent out the reports anyway. We will be taking a short break from NFB. Tomorrow will be our last day at the site until August 1st. We will have site presence during those two weeks with our local contractor utilizing the work trailers and checking on things.

I hope that answers your questions for now.

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Sent: Tuesday, July 12, 2016 9:12 AM
To: Daly, Eric <Daly.Eric@epa.gov>
Subject: Surveys

Hello Eric,
Yesterday I was informed that EPA has offered to perform surveys of residential properties adjacent to HTC. We appreciate EPA's willingness to perform these surveys, particularly in light of the public concerns that have been raised by recent press coverage. Do you have any details on the area (street boundaries or other delineation) EPA would be willing to perform surveys over, when such surveys might occur, whether anyone from the town has reached out to residents yet, etc. that you can share at this time?
Thanks,

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