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From: fife.greg@epa.gov [fife.greg@epa.gov]
Sent: 5/8/2019 12:49:06 AM
To: Cheryn Robles [crobles@nola.gov]
Subject: Re: Lowerline and Coolidge Ct. radium clean up

We can talk but we are getting to a level of hysteria

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> On May 7, 2019, at 4:04 PM, Cheryn Robles <crobles@nola.gov> wrote:
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> Greg and Janetta,
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> DPW met with the City and State Health Depts this morning to discuss development of talking points for this project. They have a number of follow up questions that we'd like to discuss with you and they've also engaged Tulane University and Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR).
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> Are you available for a conference call this Thursday, May 9 sometime between 9:30 - 11 a.m.? It wouldn't take the whole time but we are looking for this level of detail.
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> I've reached out Xavier University, they happen to own several sites near this location that could potentially be used for staging.
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> Also based on our meeting this morning the City would like Dr. Avegno and Ramsey Green to be the City spokespeople for this project.
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> Cheryn
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Jennifer L. Avegno M.D.
> Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2019 1:53 PM
> To: Cheryn Robles
> Cc: Keith J. LaGrange; Ramsey J. Green; Meredith C. McInturff; Sarah A. Babcock
> Subject: RE: Lowerline and Coolidge Ct. radium clean up
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> Cheryn -
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> Here are some of the questions we've come up with (some we've discussed this morning):
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> For EPA:
> How should dust contamination be controlled during remediation work?
> Should houses (windows, doors, AC units) be sealed up during remediation?
> What radius surrounding the roadway should be protected- just immediate houses or other surrounding blocks?
> Will residents need to evacuate their homes during the work? For how long afterwards?
> If residents ask, which agency typically would test radiation levels inside homes?
> What is EPA's oversight role before and during remediation work? Who is in charge?
> Do special instructions need to be given to pregnant women? Women of childbearing age? Children?
> Does the street need to be closed off now or OK to wait until remediation work?
> How would EPA best characterize the level of risk for individuals who have lived on the block (and received cumulative exposure)?
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> For DPW/NOHSEP:
> How many blocks have been surveyed around the contaminated street?
> How have residents been engaged/notified about the prior work, and the upcoming remediation?
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> Who is responsible for which part of operations (LDEQ, EPA, DPW, other company ...) has anyone reached out to Xavier? If so, who, when, and what was discussed?
> (Note - Cheryn reached out to Patrice Mercadel with Xavier. She is the Chief of Staff)
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> For LDEQ:
> What is DEQ's role before and during the remediation work?
> If residents ask, can radiation levels be measured in their homes?
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> From: Shannon Soileau [Shannon.Soileau@LA.GOV]
> Sent: Tuesday, May 07, 2019 11:53 AM
> To: Jennifer L. Avegno M.D.; Cheryn Robles
> Cc: Keith J. LaGrange; Ramsey J. Green; Meredith C. McInturff; joseph.kantor@la.gov; Sarah A. Babcock; Joseph Kanter
> Subject: RE: Lowerline and Coolidge Ct. radium clean up
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> I can walk over from LDH or call in. Room #?
> Thanks, Shannon
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Jennifer L. Avegno M.D. <Jennifer.Avegno@nola.gov>
> Sent: Monday, May 06, 2019 2:59 PM
> To: Cheryn Robles <crobles@nola.gov>
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> Subject: Re: Lowerline and Coolidge Ct. radium clean up
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> I'm happy to meet. We have a number of questions that will likely require EPA/LDEQ input, however, so we will likely need to meet with them as well prior to work beginning.
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> Look forward to discussing -
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> Jen
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>> On May 6, 2019, at 2:34 PM, Cheryn Robles <crobles@nola.gov> wrote:
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>> Dr. Avegno,
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>> Can we meet tomorrow, Tuesday at Noon to discuss the health department's concern?
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>> We've pushed the start date back to May 28 so we can coordinate disposal.
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>> Cheryn
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>> -----Original Message-----
>> From: Sarah A. Babcock
>> Sent: Friday, April 26, 2019 11:45 AM
>> To: Cheryn Robles
>> Cc: Shannon Soileau; joseph.kantor@la.gov; Jennifer L. Avegno M.D.;
>> Keith J. LaGrange
>> Subject: Re: Lowerline and Coolidge Ct. radium clean up
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>> Thanks, Meredith is going to take the lead on this from our side. I've sent her everything you sent me to start reviewing.
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>>> On Apr 25, 2019, at 2:35 PM, Cheryn Robles <crobles@nola.gov> wrote:
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>>> Shannon and Sarah,
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>>> Thanks again for your time this week. Attached is the proposed plan to address the Radium issue at Lowerline and Coolidge Ct. in Gert Town. We're still awaiting EPA to provide timelines but at a minimum we'll need talking points re: the possible health impacts.
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>>> I've also attached the preliminary talking points that were assembled by DPW and DEQ.
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