Message

From: Cheryn Robles [crobles@nola.gov]
Sent: 5/9/2019 2:03:00 PM
To: Coats, Janetta [coats.janetta@epa.gov]; Fife, Greg [fife.greg@epa.gov]
CC: Brozowski, George [brozowski.george@epa.gov]; Jeff.dauzat@la.gov
Subject: RE: Lowerline and Coolidge Ct. radium clean up
Attachments: Notice_Lowerline and Coolidge_FINAL.PDF

Attached is the only flyer that's been distributed to residents that live in the immediate vicinity. We distributed the flyers in person on Dec. 14, 2018. The residents provided the flyer didn't ask any questions about the excavation. The City hasn't done any additional outreach.

DEQ had a staffer, Elizabeth Levy, onsite during the excavation in December 2018. She was there the whole time. She's the one who noted that the only resident who demonstrated interest is the property owner at 3425 Lowerline St. She works for Jeff copied above. She didn't have a card with her when we met so I don't have her email address.

Cheryn

From: Coats, Janetta [mailto:coats.janetta@epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, May 9, 2019 6:54 AM
To: Cheryn Robles; Fife, Greg
Cc: Brozowski, George
Subject: RE: Lowerline and Coolidge Ct. radium clean up

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Good morning,

Cheryn,

For consistency outreach efforts:

Can you share previous outreach efforts conducted by the City of New Orleans/LDEQ made when first became aware of the situation?

Lets discuss on the call today.

Thanks,

Janetta Coats
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-----Original Message-----
From: Cheryn Robles <crobles@nola.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2019 1:22 PM
To: Fife, Greg <fife.greg@epa.gov>
Cc: Brozowski, George <brozowski.george@epa.gov>; Coats, Janetta <coats.janetta@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Lowerline and Coolidge Ct. radium clean up

Okay. Should we add the consultants back in?

-----Original Message-----
From: Fife, Greg [mailto:fife.greg@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2019 11:39 AM
To: Cheryn Robles
Cc: Brozowski, George; Coats, Janetta
Subject: Re: Lowerline and Coolidge Ct. radium clean up

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Let's try for the 9:30 start for the call.

Sent from my iPhone

> 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>
> Cc: Shannon Soileau <Shannon.Soileau@LA.GOV>; Keith J. LaGrange
> <Keith.LaGrange@nola.gov>; Ramsey J. Green <Ramsey.Green@nola.gov>;
> Meredith C. McInturff <Meredith.McInturff@nola.gov>;
> joseph.kantor@la.gov; Sarah A. Babcock <sababcock@nola.gov>; Joseph
> Kanter <Joseph.Kanter@la.gov>
> 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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>> Sent from my iPhone
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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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>>> From: Shannon Soileau [mailto:Shannon.Soileau@LA.GOV]
>>> Sent: Thursday, April 25, 2019 2:11 PM
>>> To: Cheryn Robles
>>> Subject: LDH contact
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