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Subject: Request EO, CIC and Attorney/Lowerline Site, New Orleans

Importance: High

I'm requesting an EO, CIC and Attorney for the Lowerline Site located in New Orleans.

The Action Memo is being drafted and the OSC plans to visit the site in 2 weeks.

The Lowerline Site is located in the Gert Town area of New Orleans. Zip Code is 70125 and is a few blocks away from Xavier University. Radiation was found during a DOE sweep of the area and subsequent excavation by the City found radioactive Radium. The contractor hired by the City found significant amount in the road base, about 30 inches below the surface. They removed that but post excavation sampling found additional readings in the area. It appears to be limited to the street and no homes. However, we are still in the process of obtaining the reports and data. The potential removal action could be the excavation of the road and disposal of the contaminated soil or road base. The street would have to be blocked off and closed for a few days. That may impact 4 or 5 homes.

It doesn't appear that there is any PRP that can be associated with the radiation. The contamination was found at the road base level of the street that was placed there in the 1940s or 50s. There will be necessary coordination with the City.

The site was referred by the City and LDEQ. Action will be necessary by someone, if reports backup verbal information.

Thank you. susan