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Sent: 5/17/2017 4:39:43 PM
To: Ludmer, Margo [ludmer.margo@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Holy Trinity Cemetery Site [HSELAW-WORKSITE.FID715352]

Thanks Margo. And thanks for taking the time for the call. That was very helpful.

I will follow up on several of the issues we discussed and will get back to you.

Thanks again,
Tom

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Sent: Wednesday, May 17, 2017 12:20 PM
To: Tuori, Thomas
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Tom,

I am glad we had the opportunity to discuss your questions regarding the Holy Trinity Cemetery and Robert Street residences. In response to the first question/request below, please find attached a figure regarding prior soil sampling at Areas 6 and 7.

Thank you,
Margo

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Subject: RE: Holy Trinity Cemetery Site [HSELAW-WORKSITE.FID715352]

Hi Margo,

Please see below for a list of questions and information requests regarding the Cemetery and the three residences on Robert St. If later today doesn't work for you, I'm generally available for a call tomorrow after 10:30 am.

1. Please provide a map showing the location of prior soil samples and HPGe screening in Areas 6 and 7.
2. Do the results Eric forwarded on Friday night include all data collected by EPA to date in Areas 5, 6, and 7?
3. (a) Has the EPA conducted screening or sampling at any other properties in the neighborhood near the Cemetery (in addition to the homes in Areas 5, 6, and 7)?
   (b) Does the EPA intend to conduct sampling at any other properties in the future?
4. (a) Can you please explain the timing of the radon monitoring in Area 5 (April and August 2016) in relation to the installation of any vapor mitigation systems? For example, were the April 2016 samples collected *before* a mitigation system was installed and were the August 2016 samples collected *after* a vapor mitigation system was installed?
   (b) If so, was the system running or was it turned off during the August 2016 monitoring?
   (c) Does the EPA intend to conduct any further radon monitoring in the home at 5374 Robert St.?
5. We have seen results of recent radon monitoring in the home at 5374 Robert St. with levels of approx. 70 pCi/L. What is the EPA's view of those results?
6. Does EPA have any data on background radon levels in this part of the Town of Lewiston?
7. When does EPA expect to be able to share results from the pending investigation work in Areas 6 and 7?
8. Can you please share the EPA's anticipated schedule for any additional work at the Cemetery and in Areas 5, 6, and 7 (and at any other nearby properties) during 2017?
9. When does the EPA expect to make a decision regarding a possible removal action at the Cemetery?
10. Has the EPA given any further consideration to "finger-printing" analyses, including but not limited to analyses to definitively determine whether columbium/niobium is present in the slag at the Cemetery and/or in Areas 5, 6, and 7?
11. Has EPA considered the significance of a large stockpile of material at the Cemetery that is apparent in the attached aerial photo from 1963 (was in a prior EPA report pertaining to the Cemetery)? The stockpile was located along Robert St. in an area that generally overlaps with the present day hot spot in Area 1?
12. Can you please explain why the EPA is using an SSAL of 4.06 pCi/g for Ra-226 when the cleanup goal at the bowling alley in Niagara Falls appears to be 2.48 pCi/g for Ra-226?

Thank you,
Tom

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From: Daly, Eric [mailto:Daly.Eric@epa.gov]
Sent: Friday, April 28, 2017 7:59 PM
To: Daly, Eric
Subject: Holy Trinity Cemetery Site
Importance: High

Good Evening:

I wanted to provide an update with our upcoming plans with the Holy Trinity Cemetery Site (HTC).
Please remember, you can always visit the website at your leisure: Holy Trinity Cemetery Site EPA Website

Our plan is to perform assessment work in the Niagara County area during the time range of May 8th through May 19th, 2017.

Holy Trinity Cemetery (starting the end of the week of May 8th or the start of the week of May 15th)

- Perform soil/rock/slag sampling at specific locations (Preliminary sampling point figure attached).
- Analyze these samples via the on-site HPGe located in the instrument trailer at NFB Site.
- Determine samples to send to analytical lab based on HPGe sample results.
- Perform indoor gamma survey in residences at Areas 6 & 7.
- Perform radon sampling in residences at Areas 6 & 7.
- Complete gamma survey of northern portion of Area 1.

Please let know if you have any questions.

Regards,

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"We must, indeed, all hang together, or assuredly we shall all hang separately", Benjamin Franklin