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Final Approved Statement.

EPA, working with the city of New Orleans, removed radioactive material from beneath Lowerline Street in New Orleans, La. Excavation of the material finished on June 3. During the removal, radiation monitors, perimeter monitors, and dust samples did not detect elevated readings outside the immediate excavation area. EPA shared information with community leaders and nearby residents during the removal. Mobile air monitoring throughout the area, along with radiological surveys of the surrounding streets, has not detected radiation levels of concern. Excavated material was also sampled, and packaged in special containers designed to securely store radioactive material. Two containers were shipped to an appropriate disposal facility on Friday, June 28, and the rest will be shipped next week. After all the containers have shipped, EPA will again monitor throughout the neighborhood to assure the safety of area residents.

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