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Sent: 5/2/2019 2:21:48 PM
To: Walker, Stuart [Walker.Stuart@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: BTW, another rad site
Attachments: additional hotspot.bmp

It started off as a TC but because the ITC fire and a couple of other things were occupying the CO's time, we briefed our Division Director and he considered it an ER.

The area in NOLA is called Gert Town. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gert_Town,_New_Orleans It definitely is an EJ community. They have already had 2 NPL sites in the community over the years. We will be closing the street for a few weeks, and there is a lot of foot traffic right through the street. No sidewalks, so people walk over the hot spots. Our Community Relations are working with the City and the Louisiana DEQ to develop a CR plan, messaging and fact sheets.

From: Walker, Stuart
Sent: Thursday, May 2, 2019 8:45 AM
To: Fife, Greg <fife.greg@epa.gov>
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Thanks. Is this a ER, TC, and/or NTC removal? Any local community, press, or political interest? Amazing what you can find out there sometimes.

From: Fife, Greg
Sent: Thursday, May 2, 2019 9:24 AM
To: Walker, Stuart
Subject: BTW, another rad site

In case you would be interested: We are just getting started on a short removal action involving Radium-226. Found during a sweep conducted by DOE in preparation for a WWE event in the Superdome, New Orleans. DOE originally informed the City. The City used their public works contractor to remove what they thought was lost sealed source. The 3'x3'x30" hole they excavation found Ra-226 but no capsule. The contamination was found at a strata in the street that was paved over in the 1940s or early 1950s. Their post-excavation screening found many more hotspots right around the original spot. About a half a city block and all under the road.

When we did a site walk with our contractors, there were a few spots that were pegging the meter, a micro-R with a 2x2. So over 50,000 microR at the surface with about 18 inches of pavement as shielding. We have the approval and funding and are putting together subcontracts for T&D.

Residential. Lower income. Two blocks from Xavier University. Site name is Lowerline.