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Subject: RE: After-Action Report: City of Dallas & Government Meeting for Lane Plating Works Inc.

No problem!

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Thank you. Great summary.

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 6, 2019, at 7:57 AM, Mekeel, Edward <mekeel.edward@epa.gov> wrote:

> Hi there,
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> I just wanted to send a quick summary from the meeting with the City of Dallas and Dallas government entities for Lane Plating Works. The following attended the meeting: Dallas District 4 City Councilwoman Carolyn King Arnold, Dallas District 8 City Councilman Tennell Atkins, a representative from the office of Texas State Representative Tony Rose, a representative from the office of Texas State Senator Royce West, a representative from the office of Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson, the Texas Commission for Environmental Quality and the City of Dallas Office for Environmental Quality and Sustainability. Also in attendance was EPA Superfund and the Office of Environmental Justice.
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> Though the meeting was meant to brief Dallas government regarding the plan for Lane Plating EPA Community Involvement, the topic shifted quickly. Please see the below take-aways:
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> - Due to negative reporting and the influence of environmental groups not directly affected by the site, there is a local government concern that false information is being disseminated regarding the Lane Plating Works Inc. site.
> - Many constituents in Dallas Districts 4 and 8 believe their tap water is contaminated due to the site, and contamination is spilling on to local property. Over the Christmas holiday and government furlough, local offices received calls of concern that many citizens have switched to drinking bottled drinking water.

- With the upcoming toxic site tour from General Russel Honore (Feb. 14-15), there is further concern that more inaccurate information about the site will be spread, creating panic and negative news coverage.
- Councilman Atkins requested to hold a joint public meeting to dispel any negative false information. The Councilman proposed the dates of March 7th or March 21st, 2019. He requested EPA present for 15 minutes to show that contamination is currently limited to on-site, drinking water is safe, and information about the site moving forward (10-year plan, sampling etc.). This meeting would also include attendance from the Dallas County Health Department.
- All attending local government entities agreed with having the meeting, and plan to attend or have representatives available.
- EPA confirmed to report back and have an answer for their request.
- Local Dallas government agreed it is too early to stand up an EPA Community Advisory Group, and has interest after the next potential community meeting to assure the public about the Lane Plating site.
- EPA left information about Community Advisory Groups, the Community Involvement Plan and EPA Superfund site technical assistance with all attendees of the meeting.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

-Ed-

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