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FYI, This 2016 letter from ATSDR could be helpful for the Bishop Tube discussion with PADEP for Senator Daylin Leach's office.

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Hi Chris,

I saw your update on this site. I have worked on it for ATSDR since about 2008, based on requests for assistance from the Township, and I have worked in coordination with Dustin Armstrong (DEP site manager) throughout that time period. I've attached the documents we've formally produced and released (health consult in 2008 and a 2016 letter identifying our exposures concerns and recommendations).

Are you the SAM? Can you share the letter to Leach and any other documents recently developed by EPA? We are, as you will see in the 2016 letter, concerned about uncontrolled residential exposures in the future if this site is hastily redeveloped from industrial to residential and then mixed single and multi-family units are developed with no way to put institutional controls in place for the long term. I've attended the planning and other township meetings and the developer is often present with their lawyer and their words are carefully chosen about long term residential exposure mitigation.

I'd be happy to discuss this more with you/SAM as needed. Otherwise, we really don't have any additional planned activities for this site unless we get a request.

Elected Official and Media Inquiries Received on Bishop Tube Site, Frazer, Pennsylvania – In the past few weeks, the office of Pennsylvania State Senator Daylin Leach and the Philadelphia Inquirer have inquired about Region 3's involvement in the Bishop Tube Site and why it was not listed to the National Priorities List (NPL). The site is located off of Malin Road in Frazer, Chester County, Pennsylvania. A prominent local developer plans to build new townhouses on this property, which has the community concerned regarding the contamination at the site. The Bishop Tube site was used for manufacturing stainless steel tubes from the 1950's until 1999, under a variety of different owners. Trichloroethene (TCE) has been detected in soil, surface water, groundwater and indoor air at the site. Both inquiries were in regard to EPA's involvement at the site and why the site was not placed on the NPL. The Site Assessment Manager (SAM) prepared responses to the

Philadelphia Inquirer's questions about the site, which were incorporated in an article that was published on April 10, 2017 and prepared responses to questions from the Office of State Senator Leach's about the site. The Bishop Tube Site met the criteria for placement on the NPL in 1996, but the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania did not support the listing at that time. Region 3 recognized Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) as the lead regulatory agency for the site. PADEP is currently working on a vapor intrusion assessment and further delineation of the downgradient groundwater plume. A feasibility study is expected to be completed the summer 2017. The SAM continues to coordinate with PADEP through the workshare meetings regarding the status of the site. (C. Vallone, 4-3306)

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