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From: Ludmer, Margo [ludmer.margo@epa.gov]
Sent: 10/3/2018 7:25:26 PM
To: Doyle, James [Doyle.James@epa.gov]; Ward-Willis, Nicholas M. [NWard-Willis@kblaw.com]
CC: Sachs, Joel H. [JSachs@kblaw.com]
Subject: RE: Canadian Radium and Uranium Site

Nick and Joel,

Please let us know your availability next week for the proposed meeting. If your preference is to conduct the meeting in person, we can meet at EPA's offices in NYC. As Jim mentioned, our clients and the contractor will likely participate by phone either way.

Thank you,

Margo

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-----Original Message-----
From: Doyle, James
Sent: Friday, September 21, 2018 1:07 PM
To: Ward-Willis, Nicholas M. <NWard-Willis@kblaw.com>; Ludmer, Margo <ludmer.margo@epa.gov>
Cc: Sachs, Joel H. <JSachs@kblaw.com>
Subject: RE: Canadian Radium and Uranium Site

We regret that you are disappointed. Our access policy is quite clear, and certain of your requests were well beyond the norm.

I've sent a message out to see when in early October we can meet. Our clients and their contractor will likely be patched in by phone. You may want to consider whether the entire meeting can be conducted by conference call, but we will accommodate your request either way.

-----Original Message-----
From: Ward-Willis, Nicholas M. [mailto:NWard-Willis@kblaw.com]
Sent: Friday, September 21, 2018 12:32 PM
To: Ludmer, Margo <ludmer.margo@epa.gov>
Cc: Sachs, Joel H. <JSachs@kblaw.com>; Doyle, James <Doyle.James@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Canadian Radium and Uranium Site

Margo & Jim,

We are disappointed in EPA's position rejecting our client's offer to allow EPA access to the property as detailed in our August 29th letter. We believe it would be productive to meet in our office with you and EPA's contractor to further discuss our client's concerns and see if a mutually agreeable understanding can be reached. Please advise of some dates that you and the contractor are available to meet with us and our clients. Thank you.

Nick

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-----Original Message-----
From: Ludmer, Margo [mailto:ludmer.margo@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, September 17, 2018 11:49 AM
To: Ward-Willis, Nicholas M.
Cc: Sachs, Joel H.; Doyle, James
Subject: RE: Canadian Radium and Uranium Site

Nick,

Please let me know your client's position with respect to EPA access. I will be away from the office beginning September 19 through the end of the month and hope we can touch base before my departure. Jim Doyle (cc'ed) will be handling this matter in my absence.

Thank you,

Margo

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-----Original Message-----
From: Ludmer, Margo
Sent: Wednesday, September 05, 2018 10:27 AM
To: 'Ward-Willis, Nicholas M.' <NWard-Willis@kblaw.com>
Cc: Sachs, Joel H. <JSachs@kblaw.com>
Subject: RE: Canadian Radium and Uranium Site

Nick,

EPA can accommodate conditions 3, 4, and 5 of your August 29 letter. With respect to 1(a), EPA can provide the dates and times of access in advance, but will not limit performance of the work to dates/times when the Tesla facility is closed. With respect to 1(d), EPA has already provided a detailed overview of the work to be performed, including a draft QAPP. EPA will not agree to conditions 1(b), 1(c), 1(e), 1(f), 1(g), and 2. EPA does not anticipate that the work will take more than four days to complete, but unforeseen circumstances, such as a storm event, may prolong the sampling another day or so.

Thank you,

Margo

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-----Original Message-----
From: Ward-Willis, Nicholas M. [mailto:NWard-Willis@kblaw.com]
Sent: Friday, August 31, 2018 12:02 AM
To: Ludmer, Margo <ludmer.margo@epa.gov>
Cc: Sachs, Joel H. <JSachs@kblaw.com>
Subject: Re: Canadian Radium and Uranium Site

Margo, in order for us to discuss with our client, we need to know which of the items set forth in our letter are accepted, rejected or ok subject to further discussion. Please advise with reference to the numbered items set forth in the letter. Thank you.

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On Aug 30, 2018, at 10:22 AM, Ludmer, Margo <ludmer.margo@epa.gov> wrote:
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> Nick,
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> EPA is in receipt of your letter dated August 29, 2018, regarding the Canadian Radium and Uranium Site. Over the past several months, EPA has had numerous discussions with you and your colleague, Joel Sachs, regarding the scope of EPA's planned sampling at your client's Kisco Avenue property. EPA provided you with a draft QAPP and explained in detail the work to be performed. We also reviewed many of the points raised in your August 29 letter to us.
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> As discussed, we can meet several of the conditions itemized in your letter (e.g., EPA can provide the specific dates and times of access, provide a description of the work to be undertaken, and provide advance notice of entry). However, as has been made clear, many of the conditions in your letter are unacceptable to EPA, including that EPA indemnify your client for any loss of income or termination of leasehold interest, that EPA perform the work outside of the Tesla facility's hours of operation (Monday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sunday, 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.), and that EPA delay soil sampling until after air sampling and gamma surveying has been performed and the results of that work have been analyzed.
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> In accordance with EPA guidance, conditions that restrict or impede the manner or extent of EPA response work, or that precondition access on indemnity or compensatory obligations, are to be treated as denial of consent to EPA access. Your August 29 letter indicates that all conditions listed in that letter must be included in any access document signed by your client. Please confirm that your client is firm in his denial of access subject to the preconditions unacceptable to EPA, as set forth in this correspondence. If so, please be advised that EPA will be forced to consider its enforcement options with respect to its investigation of your client's property.
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> Thank you,
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> Margo
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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Ward-Willis, Nicholas M. [mailto:NWard-Willis@kblaw.com]
> Sent: Monday, August 27, 2018 5:30 PM
> To: Ludmer, Margo <ludmer.margo@epa.gov>
> Subject:
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> Margo, I have to leave for a meeting, but will finalize tonight so you have the document to review tomorrow. Thank you.
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> Nick
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