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Subject: Canadian Radium Sampling Results

Mr. Kazin,

I understand you have been in contact with Daniel Gaughan, EPA's on-scene coordinator for the above-referenced matter, regarding sampling results.

As you probably know, EPA collected approximately 160 soil samples from the site in early April 2016. Approximately half of the samples were sent to a private laboratory. The other half of the samples were sent to the U.S. NAREL laboratory in Alabama for analysis. The private lab is extremely busy with field work and has not yet validated the radiological data. We do not have a time frame on how long that will take, nor do we have a time frame on when we will receive any validated data from the NAREL lab. I believe Mr. Gaughan has explained this situation to your environmental contractor. Your contractor also asked if we could expedite the validation or if your radiological expert could review any preliminary data.

We do not release preliminary data. As for expediting any results, there are increased costs associated with that, which we are not prepared to incur. We will provide you with the validated results when we receive them. We do not have an estimate on when that will be, notwithstanding our request for such an estimate. Feel free to check in on the status of the data in a month to six weeks, if you have not heard from us by then.

Lastly, and please do not misconstrue the tenor of this comment, but seeing as you are in litigation with the United States regarding this Site, and Dan Gaughan (and I) are employees of the United States and, in theory, represented by the U.S. Attorney's office in that matter, I would ask that you contact me rather than Mr. Vaughn regarding these types of requests in the future. I believe Mr. Aronoff at the SDNY is amenable to you contacting me (even though he would be representing me, too) for these type of perfunctory requests.

Thx.