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Sent: 4/22/2020 12:14:44 PM
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CC: EPhillips@kblaw.com; Andy Cannistra [andyc@cannistracpa.com]; Ludmer, Margo [ludmer.margo@epa.gov]; Bretz, Emily (USANYS) [Emily.Bretz@usdoj.gov]
Subject: RE: EPA Site Investigation, 125 Kisco Ave., Mt. Kisco, NY

Mr. Cannistra,

The reason that EPA conducted this sampling event was to understand the potential spread of radiological contamination from the former Canadian Radium facility. For this reason, one area of interest for us was the boundary between your property and adjacent property to the south, where EPA previously identified elevated concentrations of Radium-226. We understand your position that the gamma readings depicted on Figure 2 on page 19 and the location of the drilling rig in photograph 6 on page 36 of the Final Removal Assessment Sampling Report are not on your property, but it is impossible for EPA to confirm that without a current survey. However, please be aware that the soil sample results in that southwestern boundary area indicated no exceedances of EPA's site specific action level (see page 24, C008-SB009 and C008-SB001).

Because of the nature of geographic positioning system (GPS) technology, certain survey points in Figure 2 may not reflect the exact locations where gamma readings were taken. This is because GPS signals received from the satellites in orbit can be blocked or have their signal reflected by buildings or tree canopy or even the fence along the south side of the property. The closer the gamma surveying device is to the building the more likely this scenario. Because of this GPS limitation, there are survey points that appear within the building footprint even though we did not sample there. In effort to ensure the data collection was as accurate as possible, EPA's Environmental Response Team (ERT) collected hundreds of GPS data points during the gamma survey, at a very slow monitoring speed. This approach gives the best information possible and allows field sampling teams to see the areas with the orange/red points and clusters more clearly.

More information on GPS accuracy can be found here: https://www.gps.gov/systems/gps/performance/accuracy/.

Please also note that the aerial images used to create the figures for the report do not necessarily reflect conditions at the property during the mobilization. Specifically, they do not show the precise location of parked cars, which explains why the distribution of gamma readings does not match up with the configuration of parked cars in Figure 2.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to send them via email.

Dan Gaughan

From: Victor Cannistra <victorc@cannistracpa.com>
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Dear Mr. Gaughan,

I wanted to bring to your attention that the Gamma Survey on page 19 of 215 indicates sensor readings in red that are NOT on our property. Also, the photograph of the drilling rig on page 36 of 215 (bottom of the page), where gamma readings were at least 3x background, is NOT on our property.

I also noted that Gamma Survey on page 19 of 215 indicates readings in the building and other areas that were not surveyed?

Your comments would be appreciated.

Thank you,
Victor

On Thu, Apr 9, 2020 at 10:49 AM Gaughan, Daniel <Gaughan.Daniel@epa.gov> wrote:

> Mr. Phillips, Mr. Cannistra and Mr. Cannistra,
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> Attached is a copy of EPA's Removal Assessment Sampling Report for the soil and indoor air investigation at the 125 Kisco Ave., Mt. Kisco, NY property in association with the Canadian Radium and Uranium site. EPA plans on issuing a determination letter on the status of the site in the near future but wanted to get this sampling report out as soon as it was finalized.
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> If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.
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> Regards,
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