**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

REGION 5

77 West Jackson Boulevard

Chicago, Illinois 60604-3590

July 2017

Dear Property Owner:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is investigating potential releases of hazardous constituents from the Container Life Cycle Management, LLC, d/b/a Mid-America Steel Drum Company, Inc. (Mid-America) facility located at 3950 South Pennsylvania Avenue in St. Francis, Wisconsin.

This letter is to inform you that, as part of its investigation, EPA plans to screen and potentially take samples of soil surrounding the Mid-America facility. EPA will screen and potentially take soil samples from the public parkway land parcels that lie between roadway curbs and public sidewalks. This includes, but is not limited to, the public parkways along South Pennsylvania Avenue and in front of private residences. EPA has obtained the consent of the City of St. Francis to conduct these activities in mid- to late July.

EPA intends to do this, in part, because of reports of complaints from nearby residents of the Mid-America facility.

EPA plans to screen the soil using a portable x-ray fluorescence (XRF) unit and, if necessary, take samples of soil using simple hand trowels. The XRF unit, along with other screening instruments EPA may use, does not disturb soil or require the removal of any material it is analyzing. If, however, soil is chosen to be sampled, each sample will require the physical removal of approximately one square foot of grass and/or topsoil (roughly enough material to fill a 1-gallon bag). EPA will reseed the sampled areas.

Receipt of this letter is not meant to imply that the parkway in front of your property has been chosen to be sampled. EPA will make these determinations on the day of the event.

Should you have any general questions regarding this matter, please contact:

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