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Subject: USS Lead - Update - Zone 2 and Zone 3 - Access Request
Attachments: Consent for Property Access Letter City Zone 2 2016 (001).docx

Dear Carla,

Our attentions have been focused recently on Zone 1. I want to make sure that you know what EPA is doing and planning to do in Zone 2 and Zone 3.

As you know, the Consent Decree provides funding for work in Zone 1 and Zone 3. The EPA prioritized the remedial action in Zone 1 and has been working to complete the remedial design documents for all of Zone 1. The EPA has final design documents for the 13 properties targeted for the first phase of remedial work. The EPA has not yet set a start date for this work. As soon as EPA sets a date, I will let you know.

In Zone 3, EPA has performed all sampling necessary to prepare the remedial design documents and has received results for almost 85% of the properties sampled in Zone 3. EPA has not, however, completed the remedial design documents for Zone 3; it expects to complete these documents by the end of December 2016 (estimated to be 160 designs based on 85% of the data). Within the next few weeks, the EPA expects to send out letters to the homeowners in Zone 3 with the results of the sampling.

In Zone 2, EPA has not yet secured private funding for work. Nevertheless, EPA wants to proceed in Zone 2 with the sampling necessary to prepare remedial design documents. EPA has secured access from approximately 54 homeowners in Zone 2. As soon as the week of August 8, 2016, EPA may begin sampling in Zone 2 concentrating on properties for which it has access located south of East 149th Street. This is an area in which we anticipate finding the highest concentrations of contamination based upon our most recent data from 2010.

With respect to access for properties in Zone 2 owned by the City, EPA appreciates the City having provided us with a list of properties within Zone 2 that it owns. The EPA also acknowledges the City's request that EPA provide it with the results of sampling performed during the Remedial Investigation (2009/2010) for properties now owned by the City. We expect to provide the City with those results on Thursday, August 4, 2016. Please note, the EPA has data for some but not nearly all of the properties owned by the City.

In the meantime, I am providing you with an Access Agreement for signature by the City. The Access Agreement covers those properties owned by the City in Zone 2. Please take a look at the Agreement and call me if you have any questions. If you are comfortable with the form of the document, then please arrange for its execution by an appropriate representative and return it to me. I can appreciate that you already have much on your plate and understand that it may take the City several business days to respond or process this request.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

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