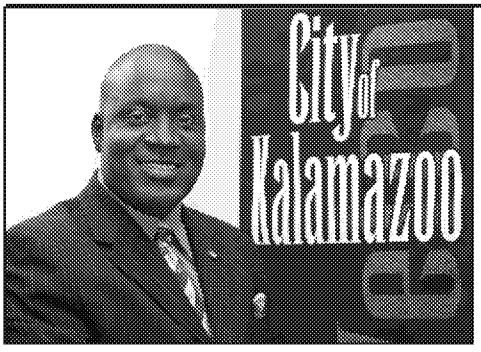

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RE: Emerging Technologies for Treatment of PCBs

Dear Mr. Karl:

Thank you for our discussion at the recent Allied Site visit here in Kalamazoo on July 1 with US Senator Debbie Stabenow regarding potential research and treatment technologies for PCBs. I have been requesting for some time additional information on what USEPA is doing in this vital area in order to find ways to effectively treat hazardous wastes so they are no longer a threat to communities such as Kalamazoo.

I am requesting that a meeting be held to discuss this particular topic of emerging technologies for treatment of PCBs in more detail. Specifically, I would like the following items covered at such a meeting:

- The current status of research being conducted by the USEPA on the treatment of PCBs;
- Specific projects where new technologies for treatment of PCBs has been conducted (or is underway);
- The specific approval process for implementing new emerging technologies at Superfund sites such as the Allied Site in Kalamazoo; and,
- Opportunities to tour existing USEPA research facilities where treatment of PCBs is being actively investigated and pursued.

I am requesting that you set up this meeting as soon as feasible. I am also available to travel to Chicago to help facilitate this meeting.

Thank you again for the conversation during your recent visit to Kalamazoo.

Supporting the Journey,

Bobby J. Hopewell
Mayor