Message

From: Bucholtz, Paul (DEQ) [BUCHOLTZP@michigan.gov]
Sent: 5/7/2013 2:09:14 PM
To: Berkoff, Michael [berkoff.michael@epa.gov]; Saric, James [saric.james@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: Help Us Remove Toxic Waste in Kalamazoo (Gary Wager, 269-382-0490)

FYI, just to keep you in the loop.

From: Kline, David (DEQ)
Sent: Tuesday, May 07, 2013 10:04 AM
To: Bucholtz, Paul (DEQ); Devantier, Daria W. (DEQ)
Subject: FW: Help Us Remove Toxic Waste in Kalamazoo (Gary Wager, 269-382-0490)

FYI, another one.

-----Original Message-----
From: Sackrider, Sarah (DEQ)
Sent: Monday, May 06, 2013 5:08 PM
To: Kline, David (DEQ)
Cc: Wagner, Robert (DEQ); Erickson, Susan (DEQ); Schrantz, Phil (DEQ); Winters, Bobbie Jo (DEQ); Gonzales-Gray, Gloria (DEQ)
Subject: FW: Help Us Remove Toxic Waste in Kalamazoo (Gary Wager, 269-382-0490)

Dave - The following is another GOV log letter regarding the Kalamazoo Allied Paper Mill site. There is a 2-day turnaround for GOV contact, not necessarily resolution of the issue. The due date is Wednesday, May 8th. After your contact, please follow-up with an e-mail on how this was handled so we can report back to the GOV office.

Thank you!

~Sarah

-----Original Message-----
From: Thelen, Mary Beth (DEQ)
Sent: Monday, May 06, 2013 4:51 PM
To: Sackrider, Sarah (DEQ)
Subject: FW: Help Us Remove Toxic Waste in Kalamazoo (Gary Wager, 269-382-0490)

I believe this is RRD and I will have Rosemarie log in as a GOV. Thanks.

Mbt

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-----Original Message-----
From: Byrd, John (GOV)
Sent: Monday, May 06, 2013 4:47 PM
To: Thelen, Mary Beth (DEQ)
Subject: FW: Help Us Remove Toxic Waste in Kalamazoo (Gary Wager, 269-382-0490)

Good afternoon Ms. Thelen:

Mr. Gary Wager, 269-382-0490, sent the following email regarding working with the EPA on the Kalamazoo Allied Paper Mill site. May I please have you forward to the appropriate department for their consideration. May I also ask for them to contact the constituent on behalf of the Governor. Finally, may I please be copied on any communication with the constituent.

Thank you for all you do,

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-----Original Message-----
From: Gary Wager [mailto:glwager@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, May 06, 2013 3:52 PM
To: Snyder, Rick (GOV)
Subject: Help Us Remove Toxic Waste in Kalamazoo

Dear Honorable Representative,

I am writing to ask you for your help in convincing the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) to completely remove the polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB's) from the Allied Paper Mill site. The USEPA has proposed leaving it in an unsafe pile in the heart of Kalamazoo, above one of our aquifers.

In 2007, we worked with several groups, elected officials, and municipalities holding vigils, public marches, writing letters, and hosting telephone campaigns to prevent waste from Plainwell from being piled on the Allied Site. We did whatever we could to get attention on this issue and eventually we were successful in getting this decision changed and the PCB contaminated soil from Plainwell placed in an approved landfill near Detroit.

We understand now that the USEPA is about to make a decision that includes piling all of the PCB contaminated soil on the Allied Paper Mill site,

putting a top cap (not a bottom cap) on it and keeping all of that land fenced in and unusable for the foreseeable future. We don't believe that this is the correct decision for the progress of over 9,000 residents that have been working so diligently over the years to create a neighborhood of choice. We prefer to see this property used for multiple purposes and cleaned up completely to create a legacy for future generations.

A full removal of the contaminated soil is the only way for this to happen.

I am wondering if you could come to Kalamazoo during the month of May to meet with concerned constituents about this issue? We would like to have a face-to-face meeting with you so together we can talk about the best way to keep Kalamazoo a safe and healthy community for generations to come.

Please contact Gary Wager at the Kalamazoo River Cleanup Coalition to set up this meeting: GLWager@gmail.com

Thank you for your support in this and we look forward to working together with you in this endeavor.

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