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Subject: FW: Kalamazoo group hoping for national attention for opposition to EPA proposal to cap Allied Paper landfill

Michael and Becky, FYI. Note the 5/15/13 scheduled rally.
Francisco, please make sure you copy both Michael Berkoff and Rebeccy Frey on any articles, items etc. related to the Allied site.

Thanks
Jim

From: Arcaute, Francisco
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KALAMAZOO, MI -- A group that opposes the federal government's plan to cap and monitor soil laden with polychlorinated biphenyls, or PCBs, at the Allied Paper landfill in Kalamazoo's Edison neighborhood are hoping their cause will garner national attention.

Sarah Hill, an associate professor of anthropology and environmental studies at Western Michigan University, said the group hopes the national press will pick up on Congressman Fred Upton's position as chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee and his ability to weigh in on the selection of a new U.S. Environmental Protection Agency administrator.

WKZO reported this week that Upton, R-St. Joseph, said he and Democratic U.S. Sens. Debbie Stabenow and Carl Levin would be on Kalamazoo's side as soon as the new administrator is approved. WKZO reported that Upton also said he would lobby the EPA not to cap the site.

Meanwhile, the Kalamazoo group reaffirmed Friday during a new conference attended by about 30 people that the EPA should remove all of the toxic waste from the site on the city's south side. Kalamazoo city officials stand with the opponents of the EPA's plan.

"In order to protect our citizens and ensure the integrity of the city's groundwater supply, we need this pile of poison removed from our community," said Bruce Merchant, director of the city's Kalamazoo Department of Public Services. "Kalamazoo wants to see this area developed and useful to the neighborhood and the community. This cannot happen if the EPA lets 1.5 million cubic yards of poison continue to sit here."

The EPA's $36-million plan calls for PCBs to be dug out from areas around the landfill, then added to the pile of contaminated soil that already is in the landfill, capped and monitored long-term. The EPA estimated in 2011 that to fully clean up the site it would cost $238 million, a price tag that has has since climbed by more than $100 million to about $366 million, according to Merchant.

Next up for the group opposing the EPA's proposal to cap and monitor the site, the Kalamazoo Peace Center, the Kalamazoo River Cleanup Coalition and WMU's environmental studies program will host a public education forum from 7 to 9 p.m. Monday, April 22, at Western Michigan University's Bernhard Center. The group organizing against the EPA's plan also is planning a May 15 rally.

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I took a crack at drafting a communication strategy for allied paper.

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