To: Anthony Fiore[tony.fiore@gmail.com]
From: Butler, Elizabeth
Sent: Fri 3/8/2013 5:22:02 PM
Subject: RE: Questions on Passaic River Superfund Cleanup

Anthony,
You're quite welcome. Her name is Stephanie Vaughn and her email address is vaughn.stephanie@epa.gov
Take care,
Elizabeth

From: Anthony Fiore [tony.fiore@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, March 08, 2013 12:06 PM
To: Butler, Elizabeth
Subject: Re: Questions on Passaic River Superfund Cleanup

Elizabeth,

If it's possible to gather the Project Manager's contact information for the planned Lyndhurst cleanup this summer, that would be great in the event I need to reach out to him or her in the future.

Once again, thank you for all of your assistance!

-Anthony Fiore

On Fri, Mar 8, 2013 at 12:01 PM, Butler, Elizabeth <Butler.Elizabeth@epa.gov> wrote:

> Hi Anthony.
> Yes, that's correct. The first and only river cleanup so far was completed by the end of last year. Another smaller river cleanup in Lyndhurst is currently being designed and is scheduled to begin this summer. A larger cleanup of the lower 8-mile stretch of the river is also being planned for, but it is in the cleanup decision making stage, as opposed to the design stage like the above-mentioned cleanup. The expected schedule for that is that EPA will propose a plan for the cleanup of that stretch of the river, which the public will be invited to comment on, some time later this year. At that point the design process for such a large project would probably take a number of years before that cleanup would be implemented.
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> We also are overseeing a study of the full 17-mile stretch of the river as well as of Newark Bay. Those studies are expected to be completed within the next couple of years, at which point, they will begin their evaluations of any possible cleanup work needed in the remainder of the river and the bay.
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> We have other project managers working on all of those pieces of this rather complex project (I was the project manager for the cleanup that was just completed), so if you want any more specifics on the dates for those I can either reach out to them or put you in contact with them directly.

Thanks,
Elizabeth

From: Anthony Fiore [tony.fiore@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, March 08, 2013 11:44 AM
To: Butler, Elizabeth
Subject: Re: Questions on Passaic River Superfund Cleanup

Hi Elizabeth,

Thank you very much for the prompt and informative reply.

It sounds like from the past tense implied in your email that the first portion of the project is complete and no further dredging operations are taking place at this time. If my assumption is correct, are you aware of when the future phases of this project may begin?

Thanks again,
Anthony Fiore

On Fri, Mar 8, 2013 at 11:31 AM, Butler, Elizabeth <Butler.Elizabeth@epa.gov> wrote:

> Dear Anthony,
> Yes, I am one of the project managers working on the Passaic River/Newark Bay Superfund cleanups, and, no, I don't mind the questions at all. I like trying to help people better understand what's happening there regardless of where they're from or who they represent, if anyone.
>
> At this point we've only done one cleanup so far as part of the broader studies of the river and bay. We approved of and oversaw a project which involved dredging 40,000 cubic yards of contaminated sediment from the Passaic River in the Ironbound section of Newark. Sampling of that sediment was done to determine whether the contaminants within the sediment were at such high levels that the sediment would need to be incinerated or if the sediment could just be placed within an approved permitted hazardous waste landfill.
>
> Whenever materials are going to be disposed of somewhere, EPA has a process we go through to review the selected disposal facilities to ensure they are in compliance with all of the regulations and their permits before we allow any materials be sent. Also, pursuant to EPA's RCRA regulations, there are particular requirements that we ensure are followed regarding the transport of those materials. These processes were followed for the 1 dredging project done so far, and the sediment that needed to be incinerated travelled by rail to a

facility in Utah and the rest of the sediment travelled by rail to an approved permitted hazardous waste landfill in Oklahoma.

When future cleanup decisions are made for the rest of the river and the bay, evaluations will be done of where and how to dispose of those sediments so I can't say where they might go, but the same overall process will be followed to ensure the sediments are transported safely to a facility that is meeting all of the regulations.

I hope this helps answer your question. If you have any further questions please let me know.

Thanks and have a nice weekend,
Elizabeth

From: Anthony Fiore [tony.fiore@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, March 08, 2013 11:02 AM
To: Butler, Elizabeth
Subject: Questions on Passaic River Superfund Cleanup

Dear Elizabeth,

My name is Anthony Fiore and I'm a resident of Roxbury Township, NJ. I don't represent any entity other than myself, if that helps.

I noticed on various communications and news articles that you either are or were the Project Manager assigned by the EPA on the Passaic River/Newark Bay Superfund Cleanup.

I hope you don't mind the email, but would you be able to share with me what happens to the material that's dredged from the bottom of the river/bay? I'm especially concerned about where this dredged material ends up and what checks the EPA has in place to ensure that all appropriate protocols are being followed.

If there is a better contact at the EPA regarding these questions, feel free to let me know and I'll be happy to send my questions to him or her.

Thank you for your time and have a great day.

Regards,
Anthony Fiore