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Hi Lisa -

I just wanted to make sure you saw this.

Thx - Edgar

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A statement from Raymond M. Pocino

on the EPA Passaic River Cleanup

On Friday, April 11, 2014, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) released its $1.7 billion proposed cleanup of the lower eight-miles of the Passaic River. The Laborers International Union of North America (LIUNA) supports the proposed plan which is the largest environmental cleanup in EPA's history. The scale of the EPA proposal is proportional to the damage done and also the opportunities available through comprehensive cleanup.

Objections are predicted, but the time has come for everyone involved in this process to finally come together and begin remediation immediately. The communities surrounding the Passaic River--which are home to many of our members--deserve a river that they can enjoy safely without fear of health risks. We believe this bank-to-bank cleanup of the river's lower 8 miles will deliver environmental and economic benefits to the communities that surround the Passaic River for generations to come.

To see the positive effect of a comprehensive cleanup of our waterways, one need look no further than progress made on the Hudson River. Over the last few decades a river was brought back to life and the communities along its banks saw a similar rebirth. We at LIUNA look forward to being a part of a solution that reclaims the Passaic River for our region. After decades of pollution and neglect, the time has come to clean up the river and lift up the affected communities.

Raymond M. Pocino is Vice President and Eastern Regional Manager for the Laborers' International

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