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From: Sebastian, Chris
Sent: Thur 2/21/2013 7:08:25 PM
Subject: RE: fyi -- riverside park -- lyndhurst / north arlington

Will do Tom – it will likely be in July – more on that as it develops.

Thanks.

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Sent: Thursday, February 21, 2013 1:59 PM
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Sounds great! Keep me posted if you hear anything. And I would definitely be interested in helping with an event. Thanks!

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Hi Tom – yes, we get regular inquiries on that aspect of the Passaic project, and we would expect that to continue – we'll let you know if we hear of any articles to be published or see anything in our press clips – if not beforehand, we'd certainly expect that to happen once the results have come in and are released -- thanks – also, when we start the dredging there this summer, we'll likely want to do a press event with you all, so stay tuned for details on that as it develops – thanks again!

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To: Sebastian, Chris
Subject: RE: fyi -- riverside park -- lyndhurst / north arlington

Hey Chris!

As always, thanks for the heads-up on this. Are you guys expecting any press on the additional samples this week, or would you expect that after the results?

I hope all is well!

Tom

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Subject: fyi -- riverside park -- lyndhurst / north arlington

hi all -- you may recall that early last year, we took samples at riverside park in lyndhurst / north arlington to measure levels of dioxin, etc., in response to concerns about flooding and potentially contaminated sediment....

here's an excerpt from the first news release, linked below:

"Very low levels of PCBs, mercury and dioxin were found earlier this year in soil in the Lyndhurst and North Arlington sections of Riverside Park that likely were carried there by flooding. The concentrations of contaminants detected are well below established levels of concern for children and adolescents playing in the park and for workers maintaining the park. The EPA does not plan on additional sampling of the parks' recreational areas and cleanup in the park is not necessary. The public can continue to enjoy using Riverside County Park in Lyndhurst but should practice proper hygiene that would normally be followed at any urban park that is prone to flooding."

we subsequently reached agreement to have contaminated sediment IN the river, near the park, removed (see second news release, below) -- that dredging is scheduled to start this summer.

now, in response to concerns following flooding caused by sandy, we'll be going back out to take additional samples at riverside park next week -- we expect to have results about three weeks afterward, and once again do not expect to find concentrations that are above levels of concern.

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thanks and please let me know if you need any additional info.

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