To: Hatch, Sarah[Hatch.Sarah@epa.gov]
From: Sanders, LaTonya
Sent: Mon 10/28/2013 2:34:47 PM
Subject: RE: Westlake Testing

Thanks, Sarah.

From: Hatch, Sarah
Sent: Thursday, October 24, 2013 1:09 PM
To: Brecht.Mulvihill@mail.house.gov
Cc: Sanders, LaTonya
Subject: Westlake Testing

Good Afternoon Brecht,

LaTonya is out today and she asked me to follow-up on your email inquiry. If you have any other questions please let me know. LaTonya will be back in the office on Monday.

Thanks - Sarah

Sarah Hatch

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Facts about Pre-Construction Survey at West Lake Landfill

October – November 2013

* There are two phases of pre-construction survey work: the Gamma Cone Penetrometer test (GCPT) and a core sampling phase.

* Under the GCPT work plan that EPA negotiated with Republic Services, dust suppression is required. A cover is not required for the equipment or the ground where this survey phase of the isolation barrier project is being conducted, and is not anticipated to be necessary for the core sampling phase.

* This is an engineering survey only – there will be no isolation barrier construction or excavation in this phase. The purpose of the work is to survey an area between Bridgeton Sanitary Landfill and West Lake Landfill, at and below the ground's surface, using drilling and scanning equipment, to identify any radiologically-impacted material that may be present and ensure the area is suitable for future construction of the isolation barrier.

* This work is expected to be complete by the end of December. Actual construction of the isolation barrier will not occur until sometime after the first of the new year.

* There will be only minimal disturbance of the surface of the landfill during this phase of work. To avoid unnecessary disturbance of the landfill's surface, a system of temporary roads or paths will be built across a portion of the surface, on which the survey equipment will be able to travel. Minimal removal of vegetation will be involved.

* The equipment and techniques being used for this survey are expected to generate only minimal amounts of dust. EPA staff will be on site to monitor all work to ensure that dust is suppressed by means of wetting of surfaces with water.

* The Missouri Department of Natural Resources will continue to monitor the air for gamma radiation throughout the work, as it has been doing for several months now. All personnel working on the project will be trained in appropriate worker health and safety protocols, and will follow a written Health and Safety Plan.

* Ultimately, this work is necessary to establish the proper location of the isolation barrier. No such effort is ever completely free of hazards, but EPA is striving to ensure that the survey phase of work is completed in a safe and timely manner so that construction of the isolation barrier can proceed without delay.