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From: Emshwiller, John
Sent: Thur 7/3/2014 6:44:20 PM
Subject: WALL STREET JOURNAL INTERVIEW REQUEST RE WEST LAKE

Chris,

I hope you have been well. In connection with a possible story that I am looking into updating the situation at West Lake, I would appreciate talking with you or someone else from Region 7. Among other things, I would like to talk about where things stand on the plans to build an underground isolation barrier at the site. I have been told that the EPA and the site owner are still trying to find a location where there isn't any RIM and that you have had to move the search closer to the area of the subsurface smoldering event.

I'd also like to talk with the EPA about a report last month done for the Missouri DNR by consultant Todd Thalhamer citing evidence that the SSE might have expanded into the neck of the dump and gotten past the gas interceptor wells. That report prompted a subsequent letter of concern from the DNR.

I'd also appreciate getting an update on when EPA expects to release its findings from the samples taken at the Bridgeton Municipal Athletic Complex.

Perhaps we could set up an interview with one or more of your folks for early next week.

Thanks and regards,

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From: Whitley, Christopher [mailto:Whitley.Christopher@epa.gov]
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Subject: EPA R7 - West Lake Landfill - Follow-Up to Your Question

John,

You asked "how EPA got the math," regarding the soil cleanup level for Thorium-230 as stated in the work plan for the Supplemental Feasibility Study for OU-1 at West Lake Landfill. Our site manager recommends that you take a look at Section 2.1.3 of the SFS Work Plan, starting on page 10, which explains the "math," methodology and data sources quite thoroughly.

He adds: "It's worth reiterating that these numbers were calculated only for the purpose of the SFS evaluation of 'complete rad removal' alternatives, and are not necessarily applicable to any future actions at or near the site, including but not limited to the isolation barrier construction, haul roads, remedial action, etc."

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