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The Honorable Claire McCaskill
United States Senate
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The Honorable Roy Blunt
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable William Lacy Clay
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Ann Wagner
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Members of Congress:

Thank you for your letter of July 17, 2014, about Region 7's work at the West Lake Landfill Superfund site. As I assured Senator McCaskill and Representatives Clay and Wagner during our conversations on July 24, 2014, this agency appreciates your concerns about the pace of work at West Lake and takes the responsibility of protecting the health and safety of your neighbors very seriously.

The agency's Bridgeton Municipal Athletic Complex soil sampling analytical report will be finalized very shortly. As with the preliminary gamma screen report, Region 7 will share the analytical report promptly with Mayor Bowers, your offices and interested community members, along with St. Louis media. I am committed to ensuring that you get these important announcements in advance.

Under EPA's first Interagency Agreement with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Region 7 has used USACE's expertise to:

- Evaluate the Isolation Barrier, potential alignments, schedules, and construction technologies to construct the barrier;
- Assist the EPA at Community Advisory Group meetings and in preparing responses to CAG questions;
- Assist the EPA in reviewing the draft and revised Isolation Barrier Pre-Construction workplans;
- Brief EPA senior leadership on the technical evaluation of the isolation barrier alignments; and
- In the future, assist Region 7 with review of the design documents for the IB and conduct field oversight of barrier construction.

The EPA and USACE are entering into a second IA under which USACE will provide independent technical reviews of the Potentially Responsible Parties workplans needed to address the National Remedy Review Board comments on the Supplemental Feasibility Study. Completion of this work on an updated Supplemental Feasibility Study will enable the Region 7 Administrator to issue a proposed Record of Decision for Operable Unit 1 at the West Lake National Priority Listing.

The USACE will lead a technical briefing for Region 7 and two key stakeholders – the St. Louis Airport Authority management and Attorney General Koster – in early August. This briefing will outline factors governing the IB alignment and schedule of work.

The Isolation Barrier design plans will be finalized concurrently with additional field work utilizing Ground Cone Penetrometer Testing/coring to collect the remaining geotechnical and radiological data needed for the design. The time to construct the barrier is not yet precisely defined but would likely be six months or more.

Again, thank you for your letter. If we can be of any further assistance, please feel free to contact me at 913-551-7006, or your staff may call LaTonya Sanders, Congressional Liaison, at 913-551-7555.

Sincerely,

Karl Brooks