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Re: Wayne Interim Storage Site & Tour of Maywood Site

Dear Mr. Japp:

Thank you for taking Heather Vitz-DelRio and me on a tour of the Maywood site.

I would like to reiterate some of the observations and comments that I made at the time of the tour in order to re-emphasize in the strongest possible terms that we want this long-term removal operation to be done under cover. Those comments are as follows:

1. I have observed several other soil moving and removal operations in the past and this one, like the others, was a typical operation.
2. While your personnel spoke of the care that was taken in the moving of the soil from one area of the site to another, what I saw just was not what was described to me. I observed dirt particles escaping into the air, a lot of it from the hard stream of water coming out of the hoses sprayed on to the ground. There was very visible dust generated by that. There was other dust generated by the operation itself. Honestly, the only difference from a normal and usual previously observed soil moving/soil removal operation is that the workers at Maywood were wearing moonsuits, goggles and helmets, and some of them had monitors on.
3. There is a remarkable difference between the Maywood site and the WISS site. Our site sits in a residential neighborhood. The Maywood site is about 11.7 acres, the work area for which is about 3 acres. There is lots of room. In fact, your heavy equipment travels from the pile across those acres to the railroad siding. Our site is crowded, at best, and sits right smack next to homes. The nearest residence to the Maywood operation was described by one of your personnel as being about 150 feet to 200 feet away; what is significant, is that the Maywood site is a large industrial operation not near a lot of residences in contrast to the Wayne site.


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4. We are concerned about the rest of the removal operation, and particularly the route to be taken from the WISS site and the railroad site to which the material will be taken. Again, I am requesting that you immediately let me know just what railroad areas are being considered to receive the material moved from the Wayne site.
5. The dirt being removed is open to the air when the tarps are pulled back and that contaminated dirt sits like that all day. Your personnel described that the exposed pile is wet down as necessary, when it appears to dry out. Again, this adds to the conclusion that the handling of the contaminated dirt is routine rather than akin to the high standard referred to by the descriptions made by the site personnel.

We also appreciate your willingness to allow our consultants to review the air quality readings taken at the Maywood site, and to make their own readings.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,



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