

256 Waubesa Demolition Concerns

From: [Tucker, Matthew](#)
To: [Punt, Colin](#)
Cc: [Firchow, Kevin](#)
Subject: FW: 256 Waubesa demolition concerns
Date: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 2:31:08 PM

Colin- Here is the response we got from the public health folks relative to the demo. This was sent directly to the neighbor, Jen Ahlstrom. Matt.

From: Lafferty, Jeffery
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 2:51 PM
To: [REDACTED]@gmail.com
Cc: Tucker, Matthew; Hausbeck, John; Bunnow, Kyle
Subject: 256 Waubesa demolition concerns

Jen,

Although there were properties on the 200th block of Waubesa with detected soil contamination, we have confirmed with the State that no soil contamination was detected at the 256 Waubesa property. I have included this email below for your reference.

Best Regards,

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From: Schmoller, Michael R - DNR [<mailto:Michael.Schmoller@wisconsin.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 9:39 AM
To: Lafferty, Jeffery
Cc: Hausbeck, John
Subject: RE: MKC - Waubesa street property status question

Jeff

There was no detected soil contamination at the 256 Waubesa Street property. It is on the west side of Waubesa away from any soil impacts that could have migrated offsite.

Mike

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From: Lafferty, Jeffery
To: "Jen Ahlstrom"
Cc: Bunnow, Kyle; Hausbeck, John; Rummel, Marsha; Punt, Colin; Tucker, Matthew
Subject: RE: 256 Waubesa demolition concerns
Date: Thursday, July 20, 2017 10:49:29 AM

Jen,

I will direct your questions to Mike Schmoller from the State since he has been the primary contact for this investigation. Either he will email you directly or I will forward his response to you.

Thanks again.

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From: Jen Ahlstrom [mailto: [REDACTED]@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 20, 2017 10:39 AM
To: Lafferty, Jeffery
Cc: Bunnow, Kyle; Hausbeck, John; Rummel, Marsha; Punt, Colin; Tucker, Matthew
Subject: Re: 256 Waubesa demolition concerns

Thank you. Your response somewhat answers my questions.

My concern is that houses on that side of the street have been tested, while not for soil contamination but for vapors, and some tested rather high for vapors.

While I understand the vapors can migrate through the soil, I don't feel it's unreasonable to assume that there might be contamination given the high vapour testing, or to have the city ask for soil testing to be done prior to a demolition and subsequent construction on a property.

My concern is with the high level of sub-slab vapour levels on the few properties tested in this side of the street (266 Waubesa) that there is soil contamination, how much so is unknown as it hasn't been tested and how much I will be exposed to during a demolition and construction process. Given the widely varying levels of vapors on the 2 properties on that side of the street that were tested, there really is no way to know without testing, which is what I am asking be done prior to construction. If you could speak to the variance in levels on this block, or to offer other assurances that exposure wouldn't increase during the demolition/construction process, I would appreciate it.

http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Brownfields/documents/kipp/samplemap_6-29-12.pdf

CCing the planning department on this response, as their subsequent report on this demolition permit process did not address or mention any of the concerns I raised in meeting with them regarding this issue.

Thank you,

Jen

On Thu, Jul 20, 2017 at 9:36 AM Lafferty, Jeffery <JLafferty@publichealthmdc.com> wrote:

Jen,

Around 10 minutes after I emailed you I received a call from Mike Schmoller from the State to clarify the answer to your question. This particular property was not tested for soil contamination and it was deemed unnecessary because other properties on this side of the street (opposite side from MKC) did not indicate that the plume had impacted this or adjacent properties. The properties on the same side of the street were the areas most impacted by this contamination.

I hope this addresses your concerns.

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From: Lafferty, Jeffery
Sent: Thursday, July 20, 2017 8:50 AM
To: 'Jen Ahlstrom'

Cc: Tucker, Matthew; Hausbeck, John; Bunnow, Kyle
Subject: RE: 256 Waubesa demolition concerns

Jen,

I apologize for the delay in a response. I have forwarded your question along to the State since they were in primary control of this investigation. I will provide you with the information and response I receive.

Thanks.

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Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 5:50 PM
To: Lafferty, Jeffery
Cc: Tucker, Matthew; Hausbeck, John; Bunnow, Kyle
Subject: Re: 256 Waubesa demolition concerns

That's great!

Just to clarify, was no soil contamination found because the property was never tested because it was on the far side of the street or was it tested and no contamination was found?

Thanks,

Jen

On Tue, Jul 18, 2017 at 2:50 PM Lafferty, Jeffery <jlafferty@publichealthmdc.com> wrote:

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Subject: RE: 256 Waubesa demolition concerns
Date: Thursday, July 20, 2017 1:18:02 PM

Jen,

Below is the response from Mike Schmoller from the WI DNR.

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To: Lafferty, Jeffery
Subject: 256 Waubesa

Based on the sampling data compiled over the last several years there is no data that would suggest soil contamination from operations at MKC would impact properties on the west side of Waubesa Street. Further the vapor concentrations seen in the sub slab or indoor air at 266 Waubesa do not exceed the current guideline concentrations used by the Department. So the Department does not know of any data that would identify a risk to workers at the 256 parcel.

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