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Paul Soglin, Mayor  
City of Madison  
210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard, Rm. 403  
Madison, WI 537033345

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Dear Mayor Soglin:

Thank you for sharing your concerns and suggestions regarding the contamination issues at and around the Madison Kipp Corporation (MKC) facility. I can assure you that we are equally concerned about the situation. Our efforts to resolve this matter with MKC include a team of experts from the City of Madison, Department of Justice and Department of Health.

The following is a summary of the steps we are taking to expedite the investigation, mitigation and remedial actions at the site, taking advantage of the items MKC has agreed to and the capabilities we have as the state agency responsible for contamination issues:

1. DNR will contract for and oversee the following:
  - A. Residential sub slab sampling and indoor air vapor samples at homes beyond the nine homes MKC has already sampled.
  - B. Installation of home mitigation systems based upon the results of MKC and DNR sampling.
2. MKC will proceed to implement the following tasks under our oversight and within specified deadlines:
  - A. Residential sub slab sampling and indoor air samples at nine homes where access agreements have been secured.
  - B. Active soil remediation which includes the current interim Soil Vapor Extraction System and the offsite excavation at the properties identified offsite soil vapor probe sampling.
  - C. Offsite shallow soil sampling.
  - D. Offsite shallow groundwater sampling.
  - E. On site shallow groundwater sampling.
  - F. Active groundwater remediation.
  - G. Deep groundwater investigation.
  - H. Offsite soil vapor probe sampling.

You also recommended adding a citizen participant to the negotiations with MKC to improve the neighborhoods acceptance of the actions at this site. I agree it is very important to do whatever we can to keep the impacted neighborhood informed of the decisions being made. That is why we have the team of experts that includes City staff. In addition, we have worked with Alderperson Rummel to have her facilitate neighborhood meetings to try to share information, and we have provided Representative Taylor with briefings on this matter. We also recently held an availability session on March 22<sup>nd</sup> to update the neighbors on the latest events, and have another session scheduled for March 27<sup>th</sup>. Furthermore, in order to keep people informed, we are maintaining a web page on the issue, providing information for a repository at the public library, and having DNR staff going door to door with your staff to update neighbors.

We are committed to sharing information and encouraging citizen input. We have discussed your request with the Department of Justice (DOJ). We were advised that generally, negotiations involving referrals to DOJ for enforcement are limited to the defendants, the Department and other involved governmental agencies in order to encourage an open dialogue between the State and the defense. In this case we have included your health department in the discussions on the investigation and remediation at the site. I can assure you we will continue to do what we can to share information, particularly with you and the neighborhood. If you have any other suggestions, we are open to discuss them with you and your staff.

Thank you again for sharing your concerns. Please have your staff continue to work with mine to resolve this difficult matter.

Sincerely,



Cathy Stepp  
Secretary

cc:Representative Chris Taylor  
Senator Mark Miller  
Alder Marsha Rummel  
Mark Meunier-Madison Kipp Corporation  
Steve Tinker-DOJ