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Kelly,

Following up from my email last week, as discussed below the soil stockpile at Rogers was hydroseeded today (see the photo below). We will have the contractor keep an eye on the pile and reseed as necessary.

Also, samples were collected last week and submitted to the laboratory on Friday. We should have the data back in about a week or so.

-Tim



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Kelly,

Regarding the stockpile at Rogers, up to this point, the pile has been very active – being worked and added to every day since construction began in January. The contractor was using water (and the winter weather) to keep dust down. Prior to receiving the notice of the complaint you received, the owner, Pare, and the contractor were working toward stabilizing and covering the pile. Pare is out at the school today collecting samples from the stockpile to characterize it – we expect to be done today or tomorrow morning. Concurrent to that, the contractor is shaping the pile in preparation for stabilization. On Monday, the contractor will be hydroseeding the pile. The hydroseed will provide some immediate dust control, and long-term stabilization once the grass grows.

Regarding the contaminants in the pile, we will have a comprehensive characterization of the pile in the next week or so as we get the lab data back. In the meantime, to give you a sense of the magnitude of contamination we expect to find, I have included some of the data we collected during the site investigation phase of the project. This data was also provided in the project NOR. I have put red boxes around the sample locations that are located within the new building footprint. The samples in red were collected from soil that was excavated and is now in the stockpile. The rest of the samples are located outside the building footprint and have not been excavated or stockpiled. While we need a greater number of samples to fully characterize the pile, you can get a sense from this data that the pile is not significantly contaminated. We had a handful of contaminants (lead and PAHs) above the Residential DEC, but below the I/C DEC. Arsenic was present in a few samples above 7 ppm (but below 9 ppm).

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Thanks, Tim

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Tim,

Our Office of Compliance & Inspection received a complaint about the huge pile of soil behind the building that is uncovered. Apparently the particulate matter when it is dry is getting all over neighboring houses and cars. I just spoke to the neighbor, and they are very concerned about the contaminants in the pile.

- I heard that it is a huge pile, but can you do something to cover it with plastic; and
- Do you have any analytical results from the soil pile that you can send me.

I assume that most of it is from the excavation for the new building foundation, however the soil needs to be managed.

Please call me when you have a chance. I am in the office today and tomorrow.

Thank you,
Kelly

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