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Sent: Wednesday, August 31, 2022 2:32 PM
To: Amer Saeed
Subject: Fwd: LeFevre St property visit this past Thursday
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From: **Kelly, Jack (R3 Phila.)** <Kelly.Jack@epa.gov>
Date: Mon, Aug 13, 2018 at 10:43 AM
Subject: LeFevre St property visit this past Thursday
To: zahra@zahrasaheed.com <zahra@zahrasaheed.com>, Amer Saeed <masmanagementllc@gmail.com>
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Zahra and Amer,

I just wanted to fill you in on the work we did on Thursday this past week.

A representative from EPA's contractor Weston Solutions Inc (Weston) and I arrived at about 11 am and walked around the property with a pitchfork, shovels and hoe seeking "natural" soil. It seems there isn't much as the soil mainly appears to be what redeposited from nearby locations over the years, took hold, and vegetation then began to grow. We did manage to collect seven soil samples for PCB analyses in various locations down to about 6 inches below the surface. I have asked for quick analytical turnaround so I hope to have the results by August 20th at the latest. I will be surprised if anything of significance is discovered. I will have a report prepared identifying the sample locations with photos and analytical results.

I spoke with a neighbor who believes the back portion of the property behind the former warehouse (see the attached photo) had a building located there prior to about 1978. Reportedly, the building burned down and a concrete slab was placed there. I am trying to obtain some historical aerial photos prior to 1978 to confirm that but have not been successful to date. I will keep trying. I will also contact the City for archive materials.

Based on the above, I can make an offer. I believe that **if** there is an environmental problem at the property, it is likely below ground. My speculation is that there isn't one but some potential exists for past leakage from transformers to have occurred that seeped below ground and a lesser chance for some materials to have been buried. To investigate this, I could arrange for Weston to have a subcontractor drill boreholes using a Geoprobe™ (see photos) in various locations several feet below ground to see if anything unusual appears. This will likely take less than one day's work time and important results are immediately observed. Samples can be collected if oil staining is observed.

I don't know what the neighbors' reaction has been to your proposed development. I wonder if environmental concerns have been raised from long-time neighbors. If so, my proposal may help.

The other option is for your contractor to proceed as we discussed. Should they uncover something of concern, they can halt work, contact me, and I will come out to investigate.

Thank you for your time.

Jack Kelly

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