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Dear Resident/Property Owner:

First of all, we would like to thank you for your continued patience and cooperation in the Highway 7 & Wooddale Avenue Soil Vapor Study. If you agreed to the initial sampling, we expect that the EPA has shared the results for your property with you. Nonetheless, we wanted to provide you with a general update and results from those tests.

Here's where the study stands today:

- About 220 access agreements have been received. Of these, nearly 190 are residential and the rest are commercial/industrial.
- Of the approximately 200 sub-slab samples collected and tested to date, about 45 exceeded the screening level for TCE and/or PCE, established by the Minnesota Department of Health. Owners of all these properties have been notified.
- As a result of these findings, the EPA has decided to expand the testing area to include additional properties to the east of Study Area A and commercial properties between Study Area A and Study Area B (see enclosed map).
- Properties that exceeded the sub-slab screening level are being searched by EPA contractors for products that might cause interference with the indoor air sample at least 24-hours before the complete full column indoor air sampling begins.
- If a sub-slab depressurization system is necessary for residential buildings, the EPA will utilize a local contractor. Properties that exceeded the sub-slab screening level but do not require mitigation at this time will be retested by the EPA three more times (every three months).

We thank you again for your engagement in the study, and please don't hesitate to contact the city, state or federal officials if you have questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



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