



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION 2
290 BROADWAY
NEW YORK, NY 10007-1866

March 10, 2010

RE: EPA Inspection of Vapor Mitigation Systems

Dear Resident:

You are receiving this letter because you have a vapor mitigation system in your home and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has begun a program to inspect all systems within the plume area portion of Pompton Lakes free of charge. Vapor mitigation systems are very effective at reducing exposure to the chemical vapors that can make their way into homes from contaminated groundwater. As you likely know, the chemical vapors are a result of contamination from the DuPont Pompton Lakes Works site on Cannonball Road. At this time, EPA and New Jersey DEP believe that the vapor mitigation systems are operating as intended and are preventing exposure of residents to chemical vapors. The agency has received comments from some within the Pompton Lakes community that there could be problems with some systems. EPA and New Jersey DEP wish to reassure the community that the residential vapor mitigation systems are properly designed and installed. If EPA's inspection of your system reveals a problem, your system will be fixed at no charge to you.

EPA has made arrangements with TechLaw, and their subcontractor, Langan Engineering, out of Elmwood Park, NJ, to perform the inspections beginning immediately. If you would like an inspection of your vapor mitigation system, please contact me by either calling (212) 637-3653 or sending me an email at kluesner.dave@epa.gov. EPA will compile resident requests and provide them to TechLaw and Langan Engineering. Langan Engineering will then contact you to coordinate a schedule for inspection. Langan Engineering will review design plans, drawings and reports and will prepare an inspection report containing the conclusions of the inspection and recommendations, as needed. We estimate that it will require approximately 4 hours or less to complete the physical inspection per home.

You do not have to have your vapor mitigation system inspected. However, if you do want an inspection, we need your consent, so please contact me as soon as possible so that we can coordinate a schedule convenient to you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David W. Kluesner".

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