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We are beginning a project to evaluate air toxics exposures in the Waterfront South neighborhood of Camden and we are writing to you today in the hope that you might be able to assist us as a member of our Community Advisory Committee. The Camden Waterfront South Air Toxics Project will be funded in part by a grant from the US Environmental Protection Agency, and will be accomplished with assistance from the NJ Dept. of Health and Senior Services, the Camden County Dept. of Health, and the Citizens of South Camden. The project is designed to:

- Gather existing information on emissions of air toxics from industrial and commercial facilities in the Waterfront South neighborhood and in adjacent areas.
- Fill in the blanks on emissions with assistance from the Camden County Health Department
- Describe the air toxics emissions from Mobile Sources (especially diesel trucks) in the Waterfront South neighborhood
- Estimate the amounts of air toxics that residents may be exposed to using Dispersion Modeling and Ambient Air Monitoring
- Identify the air toxics that pose the highest risk in the community and the emissions sources that are most likely responsible for those risks
- Brainstorm ways to reduce the emissions that result in these risks and recommend Risk Reduction strategies that should be pursued.

The role of the Community Advisory Committee will be to assist in identifying local sources that should be included in the risk assessment; provide advice on where we might be able to site air monitoring equipment; and participate in discussions that will identify possible exposure reduction strategies.

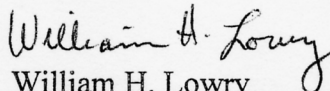
The Advisory Committee will also be asked to identify other community stressors (such as noise and odors) which may not be addressed directly by the risk assessment, but must be acknowledged in order to gain an accurate picture of the impact of local sources on the Waterfront South Neighborhood.

We plan to convene the Community Advisory Committee this fall and complete the risk assessment by next summer. We also hope to hold at least two larger community sessions (one in the fall of 2002 and one in the fall of 2003) in order to gather information regarding the local sources of air toxics (this fall) and possible reduction strategies (next fall). For your information, we are enclosing a list of all those who are being invited at this time to participate in the Committee. Other names may be added in the near future.

If you are interested in participating in this Community Advisory Committee for the Camden Waterfront South Air Toxics Project, please call Marvin Ross at 609-984-1787. We look forward to hearing from you.



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