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Christopher Rutishauser
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Re: Petition for Additional Public Outreach
Schedler Property Phase 1
460 West Saddle River Road
Ridgewood Village, Bergen County
PI# 1062723

Dear Mr. Rutishauser:

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has received a petition signed by 25 individuals requesting that additional public outreach be conducted related to the Schedler Property Phase 1 site referenced above. The petitioners requested that the person responsible for conducting the remediation conduct additional public outreach based on the needs expressed by the community.

Pursuant to the Administrative Requirements for the Remediation of Contaminated Sites (N.J.A.C. 7:26C-1.7(o)), the person responsible for conducting the remediation is required to conduct additional public outreach if the DEP determines that there is substantial public interest in remediation activities concerning a contaminated site. The DEP may determine that there is substantial public interest when it receives a petition containing the signatures of 25 or more people who live or work within 200 feet of the extent of contamination or the property boundary. In accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:26C-1.7(o), the person responsible for conducting the remediation shall develop and implement additional public outreach based on the expressed needs of the community.

In this instance the petitioners are requesting a public meeting and outreach to address their several concerns including:

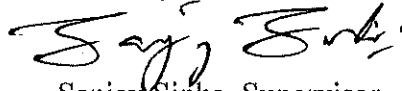
- Environmental Impact: Potential environmental and health impacts due to the contamination found on the Schedler site.
- Safety Measures: Documentation that shows all necessary safety measures are being implemented to minimize any risks to residents and the public.
- Community Input: As stakeholders in the neighborhood, community input should be considered during the planning and remediation stages.

Based on the petition received, the DEP has determined that there is substantial public interest in the above-referenced site and pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:26C-1.7(o) requires you as the person responsible for conducting the remediation to continue to take steps to properly notify and provide information requested by the petitioners and others. The person responsible for conducting the remediation should propose a format for conducting the additional public outreach.

The DEP will post this letter on the DEP's website.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Dolce Vieira in the Office of Community Relations at Dolce.Vieira@dep.nj.gov.

Sincerely,



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