

People for Safe Water
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Mr. Craig W. Butler
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Dear Mr. Butler,

Thank you for your February 19th reply to Peggy Hanna's letter. We appreciate knowing that the Tremont City Barrel Fill remediation is currently being evaluated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and that US EPA is committed to evaluating other remedial measures.

We request involvement in this process. Given that the Corps is preparing a draft report "to develop and evaluate additional remediation measures to address Site contamination," we ask to be involved in the process of both determining what the possible measures to be evaluated are and the decision of what measures will be used. According to CERCLA and the NCP, the development of an acceptable plan will happen with our community's involvement.

- What remediation measures are being evaluated? We are requesting a copy of the work memo from Region 5.
- How will our community be involved in shaping the possible measures?
- How will our community be involved in deciding what measures will be used?

Crucial for a successful remediation of the Site (which we all seek) is fulfillment of the intent of CERCLA. From US EPA's Community Involvement Handbook, "*The intent of the law is restated in the NCP: 'Ensure the public appropriate opportunities for involvement in a wide variety of site-related decisions, including site analysis and characterization, alternatives analysis, and selection of remedy....'*"

Thank you for your leadership and work for a successful remediation of this Site.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Welker and Peggy Hanna
People for Safe Water

Cc: Mr. Mike Proffitt