

People for Safe Water
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Mr. Robert Kaplan, Acting Regional Administrator
US EPA Region 5
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Dear Mr. Kaplan,

Thank you for your February 19th reply to my letter. We appreciate knowing that the Tremont City Barrel Fill remediation is currently being evaluated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

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.

- What remediation measures are being evaluated? We request a copy of the work memo, please.
- 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
President, People for Safe Water

Cc: Mr. Mike Proffitt, Ms. Joan Tanaka, Ms. Jena Sleboda Braun