

On Tue, May 30, 2017 at 11:09 AM, Maguire, Andrew <maquire.andrew@epa.gov> wrote:

Mr. Nelson,

Thank you for the letter expressing your concerns regarding the Hexavalent Chromium Spill at the US Steel Plant last month. I understand and appreciate the issues Ogden Dunes is dealing with regarding day to day life next to the plant and for this upcoming beach season post spill. In my capacity as Federal On-Scene Coordinator during the response to the incident, I can only respond to the current and upcoming sampling to occur this summer.

Regarding the long term monitoring plan that you reference, the intake water sampling continued through last week. One of the locations for beach sampling to begin next week is at Ogden Dunes Beach where samples were collected daily during the response. Beach sand sampling was discussed while developing the plan and all parties, including National Park Service scientists, did not believe sand sampling was necessary moving forward. Ogden Dunes staff were there during plan development and deferred to Park Service expertise on the matter. Per the plan, Mike Teeling with Ogden Dunes Water Works will receive the data when the reports are ready. Data should be received each Thursday at 0900 so it can be disseminated before the weekend rush. If this isn't happening please let me know so I can assist in resolving the issue. With regards to your concern about terminating or changing the sampling plan with all stakeholders buying off, even though the Town of Ogden Dunes isn't on the list of stakeholders I assure you that I won't agree to changes without consulting Ogden Dunes.

I've discussed with EPA counsel your questions relating to whether an enforcement action is warranted, and we cannot comment on that matter at this time

Thank you again and let me know if you have any other questions.

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