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Subject: Omaha EPA Item

Hey Joe –

Below is a press release regarding Superfund sites – that includes Omaha Lead in Nebraska – that will be going out at 12:00 PM ET/11:00 AM CT.

You are welcome to report on this now, before our release goes out.

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EPA Making Strides in Cleaning Up the Nation's Most Contaminated Sites

EPA completed deletion activities at seven sites from Superfund NPL list in 2017, up from two in 2016

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WASHINGTON (January 2, 2018) - Due to the hard work of staff to implement Administrator Pruitt's initiatives to make strides in cleaning up the nation's most contaminated toxic land sites, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing significant improvement in 2017 - through the deletion of all or parts of seven Superfund sites from the National Priorities List (NPL). This is more than triple the number of sites removed from the list in 2016.

“With a new focus on getting these sites cleaned up faster, but also the right way, we have seen tremendous achievement from EPA’s Superfund team,” **said EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt.** “From creating a streamlined and productive task force and making major remedy decisions that hold potentially responsible parties responsible for clean up, we are protecting human health and the environment more every day through our Superfund program.”

In 2016, EPA had deletion activities at two NPL sites, one full site and portions of another. But in 2017, under the leadership of Administrator Pruitt, EPA has deleted three entire sites and portions of four others. This increase in deletions reflects Administrator Pruitt’s commitment to accelerating progress, reducing risks at Superfund sites and returning sites to productive use.

These deletions come on the heels of Administrator Pruitt’s list of 21 sites that have been targeted for immediate and intense attention - a direct response to the Superfund Task Force Recommendations issued this summer.

NPL deletion occurs when all the remedies are successfully implemented and no further cleanup is required to protect human health or the environment. The Agency deletes portions of NPL sites when work at those portions is complete and other parts of the site still have ongoing actions.

The three completely deleted sites are:

- **Nutting Truck & Caster Co. in Minnesota**, originally contaminated with trichloroethylene (TCE) in groundwater;
- **Shpack Landfill in Massachusetts**, which had contaminated soil, sediment and groundwater; and,
- **Perdido Ground Water Contamination in Alabama**, which was originally contaminated with benzene.

EPA completed partial deletions for:

- **Mystery Bridge Rd/U.S. Highway 20 in Wyoming**, which had a groundwater plume and soils that contained benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, and total xylenes;
- **Ellisville Site in Missouri**, which contained drums full of hazardous materials;
- **Omaha Lead in Nebraska**, where surface soil was contaminated by deposition of air emissions from historic lead smelting and refining operations; and,
- **The North Penn - Area 6 in Pennsylvania**, where soils and groundwater were contaminated with volatile organic compounds.

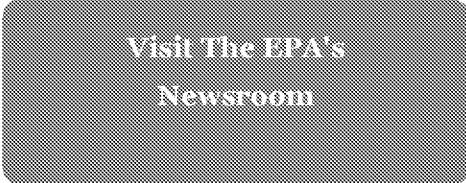
Deleting a site or portions of a site from the NPL may facilitate future redevelopment, one of EPA's goals for the Superfund program.

The NPL is one focus area of the Superfund Task Force Recommendations to improve and revitalize the Superfund program. Work to prioritize and reinvigorate the Superfund program is underway and will continue into 2018.

The Superfund Task Force Recommendations can be viewed at <https://www.epa.gov/superfund/superfund-task-force-recommendations>

Additional information about EPA's NPL deletions can be viewed at <https://www.epa.gov/superfund/superfund-national-priorities-list-deletion>

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