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Sent: 9/20/2017 8:58:34 PM
To: rejburns(**Ex. 6**)
Subject: Re: Media request -- data on lead contamination near public housing sites?

Hi Rebecca—

Again, for attribution to “an EPA spokesperson:”

You are correct: we made an error in our initial response. Here is our correction, highlighted in yellow:

As of May 2017, when we most recently conducted this analysis, there were 669 National Priorities List (including proposed, current and deleted sites) and Superfund Alternative Approach sites with a HUD public housing or HUD-subsidized multifamily building within a 1-mile radius. The total number of NPL (including proposed, current and deleted sites) and SAA sites at that time was 1,850. That means that 36 percent of NPL and SAA sites are within a 1-mile radius of a HUD building.

Regarding your question about prioritized sites following the May 2017 review, here is where EPA has prioritized action:

- Beck’s Lake: Expedited sampling and expanded sampling area to adjacent public housing.
- Former Chattanooga Foundries/Southside Chattanooga: Expedited sampling at public housing suspected to be impacted by release. EPA found no contamination and notified residents.

Best,

Tricia

From: Rebecca Burns(**Ex. 6**)
Sent: Tuesday, September 19, 2017 3:49 PM
To: Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Media request -- data on lead contamination near public housing sites?

Thank you, Tricia! Just to clarify: You mean that 36 percent of the NPL/ SAA sites are within a 1-mile radius of a HUD building, correct?

And I do have an additional question: Following this May 2017 review, has the EPA identified any particular sites where it will prioritize investigation or clean-up because of proximity to a public housing site?

On Tue, Sep 19, 2017 at 1:56 PM, Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Rebecca—

If attributing, please attribute to “an EPA spokesperson:”

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Here are the data resources we used for this analysis:

- HUD data:
 - HUD buildings: https://egis-hud.opendata.arcgis.com/datasets/52a6a3a2ef1e4489837f97dcedaf8e27_0
 - HUD multifamily assisted housing: https://egis-hud.opendata.arcgis.com/datasets/83d334f8b4614cce9e67b0e0a1105520_0
- EPA used a dataset of Superfund site boundaries that has not yet been cleared for public release. In the interim, we are providing point data below.

Additional resources:

- Superfund locations -- point data: <https://www.epa.gov/superfund/superfund-data-and-reports>. Under Search for SEMS reports, search for List 8R – Active Site Inventory.
- EJSCREEN
 - Go to <https://ejscreen.epa.gov/mapper/>
 - Go to Add Maps > Additional Maps > Public Housing
 - Go to Add Maps > Additional Maps > EJSCREEN Environmental Sites > Click Superfund (NPL) box on right side of page

Best,

Tricia

Tricia Lynn

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U.S. EPA

From: Rebecca Burns <Ex. 6>
Date: September 18, 2017 at 9:58:40 AM PDT
To: woolford.james@epa.gov
Subject: **Media request -- data on lead contamination near public housing sites?**

Hi James,

I'm a reporter for *In These Times* magazine, and I am working on a story about lead contamination in East Chicago.

I saw that EPA and HUD recently entered into an MOU regarding increased communication about HUD housing sited near Superfund sites. I also saw reference to a data analysis determining that a majority of sites on the National Priorities List are located within a mile of low-income housing.

I would like to review this data for my story. I'm wondering if you could tell me whether it is publicly available at this time?

Thanks in advance for your help.

All best,

Rebecca Burns

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