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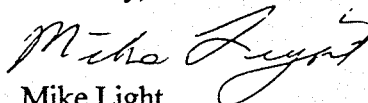
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Re: IEPA proposed Scope of Work for Sauget Area I

Attached is the IEPA's version of the Work required for Sauget Area I. This represents the RI/FS which they propose to do under the NPL after Area I is listed. Because of the inclusion of the entire geographic area of the proposed Site; the inclusion of all source areas, residential sampling, etc.; and the clear intent and expectation of IEPA that the NPL listing for Area I is imminent, it is clearly not in the best interest of Solutia to enter into a voluntary agreement to do this work. The first guess on the cost of the first phase of the proposed RI/FS is in excess of \$10M. If listed as proposed, started with this RI/FS, and managed as a traditional Superfund Site, final cost for Area I will well exceed the \$100M threshold.

We will meet early in the year to assess options and plan our next steps.

Sincerely,


Mike Light

Kevin Cahill - One of the next steps which I think now has no downside and which I think we should plan to do is to educate the mayors of Cahokia and Sauget on just what it means to be a Superfund Site, what alternatives they have, etc. Think about how we can begin this process. We will discuss at our next meeting.

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