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Health Physics and Radiation Safety Services

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March 20, 2017

Mike Lanenga SET Environmental 450 Sumac Road Wheeling, Illinois 60090

RE: 429 E. Grand Avenue Thorium Monitoring – City of Chicago Department of Water

Management. CDOT Permit # 773704

Dear Mr. Lanenga:

Stan A. Huber Consultants, Inc (SAHCI) was hired by your firm to provide radiation monitoring during the excavation and replacement of a broken water valve at 429 E. Grand Avenue in Chicago, Illinois. The monitoring was performed by Brian Schmidt, SAHCI Health Physics Technician, on March 16, 2017. All activities were conducted under the guidance of document *SET General Procedure for Thorium Monitoring*.

## Instrumentation

Surface gamma scans were performed using a Ludlum Model 2221 Scaled / Ratemeter (serial no. 126496) with attached 2"x2" Nal probe (6" lead shielded). The instrument was calibrated on October 14, 2016. The USEPA action level of 7.1 picocuries per gram (pCi/g) total thorium for this instrument is 7,029 counts per minute (cpm).

The average background count rate for this location was found to average 1,987 cpm.

## Soil Gamma Scans

Gamma surface scans were performed using the Ludlum Model 2221 Scaler / Ratemeter detailed above. Survey data was collected by entering the excavation after each 18-inch lift and recording the highest count rate for the floors and walls to an excavation depth of 4 feet below ground surface. Soil excavated beyond 4 feet deep was monitored in the excavator bucket as it was removed, to a maximum depth of 10 feet. All soil was loaded directly into a truck for disposal.

The maximum gamma count rate for each lift was recorded on the attached Radiation Survey Form. The count rates in the excavation ranged from 1,700 cpm to 3,700 cpm. No count rates were found at any time that exceeded the threshold limit of 7,029 cpm.

## **Additional Monitoring**

Since no count rates were identified above the 7.1 pCi/gram threshold limit, no additional soil sampling, air monitoring, or personnel monitoring were performed.

I will be providing a copy of this report to both the City of Chicago Department of Public Health and US Environmental Protection Agency, as required.

Thank you for your assistance with this project. If you have any questions or need additional information, please call me at (815) 485-6161.

Sincerely,

Stan A. Huber Consultants, Inc.

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Stan A. Huber Consultants, Inc. Radiation Survey Form

Location/ Project ID: PWM - 419 E. GRAND AVE. - CHICAGO, TL - WHEN VALVE REPLACEMENT EXCLATION ROW RADIO LOGICAL
SURVEY Technician: Brian Schmiot Serial No. : 126496 LUDIUM- 2221 Inst Model: Lift Elevation: 0- 120" Probe Type: 1"x1" Nal / 2"x2" Na Shielded / Not Shielded Action Level: 7029 1987 Background \_\_\_\_ cpm Write grid designations in circles. Record highest counts for grid in cpm. Record 30 second counts at grid intersections (if required). Shade areas of elevated counts and record max cpm. N scale AB. ST.CURS G. CUMB SOFWALK EXCAUTION ID 2400 30-48" 3100 3300

120-138"

B-1 = 1987 CDA (1 MIN COUNT) = BACHGROUND

3700

2600

2300