



## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION 5

77 West Jackson Boulevard

Chicago, Illinois 60604-3590

940679

[Date]

[OWNER]

[own\_street]

[own\_city, own\_state own\_zip]

Dear [OWNER]:

As part of the investigation of the Jacobsville Neighborhood Soil Contamination site, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and its contractors are sampling residential yards for lead and arsenic. If necessary, EPA will remove the soil and replace it with clean fill. Your property at **[prop\_street prop\_city, prop\_state]** is on our list of properties to be tested.

Before we can begin, we will need your written permission for the soil testing. This work is being done for your health and safety and would be **at NO COST to you**. An access agreement is attached to this letter that allows EPA, or authorized representatives of EPA, to enter your property and take soil samples.

The next sampling event will take place in summer and fall 2019 or in 2020. We will take 15 to 20 soil samples from the top 18 inches of your lawn from the front and back yards (and side yard, if applicable) and test the samples for lead and arsenic. The sample holes will be about the size of a soda can. Grass and soil will be replaced, and care will be taken to leave your yard the way it was.

None of this work can be done without your written permission. Your response is completely voluntary.

If the lead and/or arsenic levels in the soil in your yard are above our residential limits, cleanup would take place about **one to two years after sampling**. We will request your written permission for the cleanup at that time. As part of the cleanup, we will:

- Meet with you to go over the plans for the cleanup
- Document the condition of the existing house and buildings
- Take an inventory of existing features (for example, landscaping, decks, patios)
- Dig up and remove contaminated soil
- Replace with clean soil and reseed or sod your yard

PLEASE MAIL, E-MAIL, OR FAX THE ACCESS AGREEMENT BACK TO JACOBS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE 2019 or 2020 SAMPLING EVENT.

- **To send by regular mail:** Return the form in the enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope.
- **To send by e-mail:** E-mail your access agreement to [jacobsvilleproject@jacobs.com](mailto:jacobsvilleproject@jacobs.com).
- **To fax your access agreement:** Fax to 314-335-5141.

**What you can do to reduce your risk:** Although we will not know the levels of lead or arsenic in your soil until we test your yard, to be cautious and minimize your exposure to soil that may be contaminated, there are a couple things you can do. These include **having children play on grassy areas** in the yard instead of bare dirt and **washing hands regularly** – especially after coming inside and **before eating**. **Wiping shoes on an outdoor mat and leaving them by the door** instead of wearing them inside is also very helpful.

**Also, if you know of any buried utility lines or pipes that you or the former property owner installed, please indicate this on the access agreement.** This will help EPA and its contractors avoid damaging the utility and assure the sampling team is not put at risk.

**What you need to do:** All you need to do right now is mail in your access agreement.

Approximately one to two weeks before sampling takes place, you will see utility markings, either colored flags or spray-painted lines, on your lawn. Once you see these markings, you will know that sampling will happen soon. **You will get your test results about 3 months after the sampling is done.**

If you have any questions at any point, or would like more information about the sampling, please contact me toll-free during weekdays at (800) 621-8431, extension 6-4785. You can also contact Charles Rodriguez, Community Involvement Coordinator, at the same number at extension 6-7472.

Sincerely,



Mary Tierney  
Project Manager

IF YOU MISPLACE THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE, PLEASE SEND  
YOUR ACCESS AGREEMENT TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS.

JACOBS  
Attn: JACOBS/Jacobsville  
501 N Broadway  
St. Louis, Missouri 63102

AS STATED ABOVE, YOU MAY ALSO E-MAIL OR FAX YOUR ACCESS AGREEMENT.

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Fax: (314) 335-5141