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Cathy Stepp
Regional Administrator, Region 5
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Dear Cathy,

On behalf of the City of East Chicago, I have recently signed a letter of intent with Industrial Development Advantage, LLC (IDA) to sell the 49 acre site within Zone 1 formerly occupied by the West Calumet housing complex. IDA's intent is to develop the parcel for a logistics and distribution campus and warehousing complex. None of the property will be used for residential purposes. Once this transaction is completed, we intend for the property to be rezoned from its current residential zoning district to a manufacturing zoning district permitting the developer's intended use.

In light of this activity, I request that your office postpone issuance of an amended Record of Decision providing for residential level cleanup in Zone 1 until all the interested parties and stakeholders can meet and determine the appropriate remediation plan to ensure the successful redevelopment of this property.

Sincerely


Anthony Copeland
Mayor, City of East Chicago

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Steven Kaiser
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