

Indianapolis Environmental Equity Council, Inc.

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Douglas Ballotti, Director
Superfund & Emergency Management Division
US Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5
77 W. Jackson Blvd., SR-6J
Chicago, IL 60604

Re: National Priority List De-Proposal
Site 0153 in Indianapolis

Dear Mr. Ballotti:

The Indianapolis Environmental Equity Council, Inc. (IEEC), a coalition of several neighborhood groups, is providing this letter in support of the Indiana Department of Environmental Management's (IDEM's) decision to de-propose Site 0153 from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA), National Priorities List (NPL).

De-proposal of the Site will allow the US EPA and IDEM to focus their efforts on higher priority sites and will allow IDEM to focus on the individual sites that have *real* impacts to the people in the community.

Site 0153 was initiated due to impacted raw water in the White River and Riverside wellfields and the potential impact it *could* have on the people drinking the finished water. IEEC feels that IDEM and Citizens Energy Group have adequately investigated potential sources of impacts to the wellfields, monitored raw and finished water, and used a conservative approach in ensuring that drinking water remains safe for use and consumption. Citizens Energy Group has removed production wells from service and installed aeration systems to impacted wells to mitigate the impacts and has committed to doing the same, should future concentrations in production well raw water exceed any maximum contaminant levels (MCLs).

IEEC understands that de-proposal of Site 0153 will not affect ongoing or future investigations or risk assessments of individual sites located within the wellfield. IDEM remains committed to addressing known sources of contamination to ensure that any necessary remediation will be undertaken to protect human health in the wellfield area.

Additionally, IEEC was awarded a Technical Assistance Grant to further evaluate and ensure that the sources contributing to impacts in the production well raw water have been adequately addressed by IDEM and that no residences in areas of known contamination are impacted by vapor intrusion of these contaminants.

For the reasons listed above, IEEC supports IDEM's decision to de-propose Site 0153 from the NPL.

Sincerely,



Paula Brooks,
Community Coordinator

