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Dear Mr. Halsey:

Based on the meeting we had today, I understand that the website you proposed will take a week or longer to fully develop. It is understood that the website will evolve over the next several days and weeks to include the information you presented today. However, as stated in the meeting there is an urgent need to post information immediately to provide the public with an accurate picture of how waste is being handled. To achieve this, the development of the website should occur in phases.

The first phase should include basic information on wastes being generated and how they are generated, waste tracking, sample results, location of staging areas, landfills/disposal facilities, and a summary/full text of the approved waste plans. This information should be also summarized in companion fact sheets. The first phase should also include the BP hotline and the state hotline phone numbers to provide the public with the opportunity to voice any concerns or complaints regarding waste management. We anticipate seeing the website created in the next 2-3 days which includes this priority information.

The second phase of the website would be the full realization of what was presented today including the more detailed process for waste handling, mapping of staging areas, more detail on solid and liquid waste management, detailed cleanup statistics, summary of waste manifests, community outreach section with the ability to submit concerns/complaints on-line, as well as tracking/reporting system on resolutions, routinely updated waste tracking information, waste plans, compliance, etc.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mathy Stanislaus".

Mathy Stanislaus
Assistant Administrator
Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response