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Dear Resident,

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Motors Liquidation Corp. have concluded the first round of sampling that was announced at the September 30, 2010 Public meeting held in the City Council Chambers. At the meeting on Sept. 30, 2010 EPA in the presentation phase of the meeting confirmed that if data collected from the first round of testing dictated a second round of testing, the testing would be in the homes in designated locations. We are announcing a new indoor air sampling project for the neighborhood south and southwest of the former General Motors and Delphi factories. EPA and the current owner of the former GM facilities, Motors Liquidation Corp. (MLC), are planning to begin the sampling this March.

EPA needs your cooperation to perform this important testing. Property owners must sign and return an access agreement before MLC contractors can install the sampling equipment in your home or business. An access form is printed on the back of this letter. MLC will pay for the testing so the sampling will NOT cost home and property owners anything. The testing only lasts a day or two, and the equipment is fairly inconspicuous.

A meeting is scheduled Feb. 17, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., City Council Chambers, 4200 Dryden Road, Moraine, to discuss the upcoming environmental work and reply to questions on the proposed work, and to collect the access agreements that have been signed.

The sampling will verify whether hazardous gases are seeping into homes and buildings at action levels. This environmental issue is called "vapor intrusion." Volatile organic compounds, gases could be coming from underground contamination originating from the former GM plants. Soil sampling done along neighborhood streets last fall revealed some pollution hot spots so officials want to do more sampling inside of buildings.

Officials stress there is no evidence so far that vapor intrusion is actually occurring, but the new round of sampling will determine that for sure. Officials also emphasize the current industrial pollution is NOT affecting Moraine's municipal water supply.

A fact sheet with more details and a sheet explaining the health issues with vapor intrusion accompany this letter.

If you have any questions please call EPA Public Affairs Specialist Rafael P. Gonzalez at 312-886-0269 or e-mail gonzalez.rafaelp@epa.gov. EPA Region 5's toll-free number is 800-621-8431, 9:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., weekdays.

Sincerely,

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