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Comments / suggestions for Settlement Agreement
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Hi Belinda,

Per Slide 4 in this PowerPoint presentation.

In 2004 DNR became aware the cleanup efforts failed due to high clay content in the soil. What steps are being taken this time to ensure cleanup efforts will be effective? What are the different steps as they are not clearly outlined in the settlement agreement?

If not successful, will it take another 8 yrs to let residents know?

The settlement agreement should also include verbiage to monetarily cover residents cost incurred to privately test their homes for levels of contaminate present in their homes.

I am no longer interested in living in this contaminated area waiting for the inevitable death to happen.

I am strictly interested in a buy-out clause being added to the settlement agreement.

All residents especially on Elmridge, closely situated to the contaminate should be given this option.

The contaminate was dumped as far back as 1950 and has spread throughout the area. The company has no records to prove they hired a company to haul the contaminate from their location.

Who is looking into the alarmingly high cancer and heart related deaths and/or illnesses in this small predominately African American community? I would like a medical monitoring clause added to the settlement agreement, to allow residents to receive regular cancer / heart screenings at company expense.

I am requesting buyout verbiage be added to allow families especially on Elmridge to move if you so choose.

Thanks for adding my comments to the legal court reporters questions taken at October 25, 2012 meeting at First Baptist Elmwood.

Respectfully Submitted

Valerie West,
Concerned Citizen of Elmwood Park
Forced to incur high temporary location costs due to this contaminate in my living area and no definite timeframe of when successful cleanup or buy out will occur.