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Dear ,

As you know, EPA has made it a priority to ensure meaningful public involvement at the Centredale Manor Restoration Project. We recognize that your participation in the Management Action Committee has contributed enormously to the success of the project and we greatly appreciate your commitment to this effort. At this time, we are writing to extend an invitation for you to join us in a structured dialogue about the future of the site and cleanup alternatives for the first two impoundments of the larger study area between Route 44 and Dyersville Pond.

For a number of reasons, we think the timing is right to initiate this dialogue in early 2005. First, EPA recently released the Draft Human Health Risk Assessment and the Draft Ecological Risk Assessment which provide the basis for any additional cleanup between Route 44 and Dyersville Ponds and leads EPA from investigating the study area to evaluating a range of cleanup alternatives for addressing contaminated sediment. Second, the Contaminated Sediment Technical Advisory Group (CSTAG) stakeholder meeting on July 15, 2004 provided an early opportunity for various interested parties to hear one another's thoughts and concerns about the project, and revealed that the various parties involved in this project have some shared interests as well as competing needs and concerns. Last, EPA has received several inquiries over the past few months from a variety of parties asking how they can be directly involved in discussions leading to EPA's cleanup decisions.

In response to these inquiries and recognizing the impact that this project will have on the community, EPA has decided to engage a neutral facilitator to assist in bringing together the parties and organizations who are already involved in the Management Action Committee as well as the responsible parties and other interested parties that are currently less involved. The goal of the neutral facilitation is to ensure a fair and thorough process that actively engages all interested parties, obtains maximum benefit of the combined knowledge of all the parties involved, and considers the wide range of interests that need to be balanced in a cleanup decision.

In the coming weeks you will be contacted by Marion Cox, the neutral facilitator hired by EPA, as part of her effort to identify the concerns and interests of the various parties and develop an effective structure for ongoing dialogue. Please feel free to give Marion the names of additional parties who you think may want to be involved.

EPA is aware of the challenges associated with choosing a cleanup alternative and designing a remedy; but we are optimistic that the approach summarized above is the right way to proceed with this next step. We hope that you will accept this invitation to participate.

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Should you have any questions about our proposal to engage a neutral facilitator at the project, please feel free to contact Elissa Tonkin of our ADR program at 617-918-1726 or Angela Bonarrigo at 617-918-1034.

Sincerely,

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