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Centredale Manor Restoration Project Superfund Site

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To: Anna Krasko/R1/USEPA/US@EPA

Dear Ms. Krasko:

With this e-mail, I am providing additional comments about the proposed plan for the Centredale Manor Restoration Project Superfund Site. Although I have many concerns, which were spoken at the public forums and recorded at the North Providence meeting, there were a few other points that I did not get a satisfactory response. I did not hear any party (EPA; DEM; or Watershed Council; etc.,) address the following items which I see as issues if this project moves forward.

Number 1: Return of Wildlife. At the North Providence forum, I asked a question if there was a plan for bringing back the wildlife that is presently very active in the Lyman Mill and Allendale ponds. The proposed plan indicates that ecologically, the best estimate of time to achieve the cleanup and enhance natural recovery is 30 years! I believe what this means is that the wildlife will return to its normal levels in approximately 30 years. This is unacceptable! With this major plan and proposal, either the federal agency or state agency should have included in this proposal how they would facilitate the ecological growth. How could this have been missed!! The ponds must be restocked with fish in order to bring wildlife back. Fish are a key contributor to maintaining wildlife on the river and pond areas. The EPA and the DEM will probably say that this will occur naturally. No doubt, this will naturally occur; however it will occur over a great period of time -- 30 years as stated in your proposal. Spending the amount of taxpayer money that is being proposed should have included a plan to return the wildlife (at the least, re-stocking the ponds with fish; and not just once but each year for a period of time, until wildlife returns!). If this is not done (I do not know what government agency or state agency would be responsible for this), then the ponds become as I said at the North Providence meeting "one big, dirty, water hole" for thirty years for the surrounding area. I would like a formal response to this inquiry I am making, as it was not addressed at any of the meetings I attended nor indicated in any of the printer material, except for the fact that it is written in the proposal that the "ecological: best estimate 30 years".

Number 2: The proposal outlines removing a certain amount of feet of sediment along the edges of the ponds. Once that sediment is removed, will this be replaced with enough ground soil, so as not to have a steep decline from the river's and ponds' edges to the water? I understand in the proposal that the soil will be replaced with a thin layer. Is a thin layer 1 inch? 12 inches? or 2 feet (that would replace what was removed; and it will slope and not drop off significantly?

I would appreciate a response. Thank you.

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