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Regarding your property located at:

Dear

As Emerson begins the next round of indoor air monitoring, I am writing to inform you that Emerson has decided to undertake a change in approach related to indoor air testing and mitigation of homes in the South Hill community. Over the course of the past 18 months, Emerson has heard the concerns expressed by the community in three public meetings, newspaper articles, and in direct communications with residents. Emerson has considered your concerns and in response has decided voluntarily to undertake actions to address them.


Emerson is offering voluntarily to mitigate homes in the test area within the South Hill community where trichloroethylene (TCE) was detected in the basement or first floor indoor air samples at or above a concentration of 0.8 micrograms per cubic meter (ug/m^3) in at least one sampling event. The threshold of 0.8 ug/m^3 is substantially below the state guideline level of 5 ug/m^3 . Consequently, we believe our mitigation approach is responsive to the concerns expressed by homeowners.

In accordance with the New York State Department of Health guidance, most homes in the Phase 1 through Phase 3 test area have been sampled one or more times. Homes in the Phase 4 expanded test area will be sampled for the first time this winter. Emerson will be offering mitigation to homeowners where TCE was detected in previous sampling or is detected in future sampling in the basement or first floor indoor air samples at or above 0.8 ug/m^3 . The installation of the mitigation system will be performed at no cost to the homeowner. Furthermore, Emerson will conduct, at its cost, post mitigation sampling to confirm the effectiveness of the mitigation system.

Within the next week, Emerson will send letters to homeowners who will be offered mitigation based on the above approach. The letter will include the sampling results for the individual residence as well as an access agreement so that Emerson can design and install a mitigation system and verify its effectiveness. Emerson will coordinate with homeowners to ensure that the mitigation systems are installed in a timely manner and at minimal disruption.

As I stated in the January 2006 public meeting, Emerson has set up a toll free number for you to call to discuss any aspect of the ongoing work. I encourage you to contact me at 866-265-0634 if you have questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Derek E. Chase". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Derek E. Chase
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