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Re: Electricity Costs Associated with Voluntary Mitigation Offer (601 S. Cayuga Street)

As you have been made aware in previous correspondence, Emerson is voluntarily offering to mitigate homes in the South Hill community where trichloroethylene (TCE) has been 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. This threshold is substantially below the state guideline level of $5 \text{ ug}/\text{m}^3$ and we believe our mitigation approach is responsive to the concerns expressed by homeowners.

Many homeowners have accepted Emerson's voluntary mitigation offer, and we are proceeding to install mitigation systems in those homes. Other homeowners have not yet responded to Emerson's offer. In addition, some homeowners have raised questions related to operating costs of the mitigation system (electricity). We understand that the electricity cost associated with the fans used in mitigation systems is a potential concern and may, in part, influence a homeowner's willingness to accept the voluntary mitigation offer. While our initial voluntary mitigation offer did not include reimbursement for electricity costs, Emerson has reconsidered this issue and decided to include such costs in the voluntary offer. After reviewing electricity costs in the Ithaca area and the specifications for fans that are being used in the mitigation systems, for the remainder of 2006 Emerson will reimburse the homeowner or tenant, as appropriate, \$12 per month for electricity costs per fan for the remainder of this year.

Within one month of the system installation and for each subsequent month, Emerson will send to you or the tenant, as appropriate, a check made payable to New York State Electric and Gas (NYSEG) in the amount of \$12. You or the tenant, as appropriate, will be responsible for sending this check along with the monthly electricity payment to NYSEG. After one year and for each subsequent year, Emerson will review the current per kilowatt hour electricity rates and will adjust the monthly reimbursement amount accordingly. Emerson will continue to reimburse homeowners and tenants, as appropriate, for electricity used by the mitigation fans as long as the vacuum monitoring is required by the New York State Department of Health Services.

If you have not yet responded to the voluntary mitigation offer, Emerson asks that you do so by June 2, 2006, so that we may plan with the contractor to complete the installation work. Emerson continues to have a toll free number for you to call to discuss any aspect of the voluntary mitigation offer as well as the ongoing work. I encourage you to call me at 866-265-0634 if you have any questions.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Derek E. Chase". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "D" and "C".

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