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Subject: Chapel Hill Police Station Coal Ash Next Steps

Roger,

On Friday, May 13, 2016, I was copied on the attached email from Nick Torrey, at the Southern Environmental Law Center (SELC), to Amy Axon, at the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (NC DEQ). Mr. Torrey's email raises concerns about NC DEQ's recent risk analysis of soil samples taken in the section of the Police Station site where greenway construction is anticipated. Specifically he suggests that additional testing and analysis is needed to determine whether Chromium VI poses a potential risk at the site.

In response to these concerns and recent correspondence from NC DEQ requesting that the Town initiate a Phase II remedial investigation of the site, I have conferred with Hart & Hickman, the Town's environmental consultant and we propose the following next steps:

1. Suspend construction of the Bolin Creek Greenway project prior to any work being done on the Police Station site. We will share this recommendation with the Parks, Greenways and Recreation Commission. For the next several months, construction work can continue until sections of the project west of Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd are completed.
2. In consultation with NC DEQ staff undertake additional sampling needed to develop a Remedial Investigation Plan. This analysis will include sampling of adjacent sites to establish background metals concentrations, supplemental on-site monitoring wells to better delineate groundwater impacts, and analysis of additional potential compounds of concern including Chromium VI.
3. Develop a draft Remedial Investigation Plan. This draft plan can be made available for public comment prior to submitting to NC DEQ for their review. If determined to be helpful, Steve Hart of Hart & Hickman can also provide presentations of the draft plan to the Mayor and Council and/or other interested parties.

We anticipate that the supplemental sampling and draft Remedial Investigation Plan can be completed by mid-summer of this year. We will wait until this information has been presented and reviewed before making a recommendation as to whether the Town should proceed with construction of the section of greenway on the Police Station site. If this section remains unbuilt after the greenway project is otherwise complete and open for use we will provide signage directing greenway users to the crosswalk at Umstead Drive and Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. to access the downstream sections of the trail.

As we have done with all previous correspondence, once this email and the attachment from the SELC are shared with the Mayor and Town Council, we will post them on the Town's coal ash webpage <http://www.townofchapelhill.org/town-hall/news-events/current-issues/coal-ash-disposal-site-remediation-project>.

Please let me know if you have any questions or would like additional information.

Sincerely,

Lance

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