

Ms. Judith Enck
Region 2 Administrator
United States Environmental Protection Agency
290 Broadway
New York, New York 10007-1866

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Dear Ms. Enck,

On behalf of Edison Wetlands Association, New Jersey Sierra Club, Citizens for a Clean Pompton Lakes and Pompton Lakes Residents for Environmental Integrity, we request that the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) make the toxic vapor intrusion contamination that continues to poisoning more than 450 Pompton Lakes families living in the trichloroethylene plume into a top priority.

We commend your previous decision to allow homeowners to choose third party contactors to install mitigation systems and sample their homes instead of leaving it in the hands of the DuPont – the untrustworthy polluter who has caused great detriment to the community. Unfortunately, the process of installing vapor mitigation systems has come to a halt because the residents do not feel USEPA is complying with their simple request. Your agency has rejected a third party contractor's proposal to test all 61 chemicals rather than only 10 chemicals in the sub-slab samples that will be taken from underneath the residents homes. As you are aware, USEPA already requires the contractor to sample for all 61 chemicals in the indoor air analysis.

It was stated at the last environmental community advisory group meeting that USEPA will not allow all 61 chemicals to be tested in the sub-slab because the "science" has determined that the chemicals "should not" be presenting the sub-slab. It is incredibly absurd that USEPA would immediately conclude that the 51 other chemicals do not reside in the sub-slab, and not allow the residents to sample it under this contract, especially since the difference in sampling cost absolutely nothing.

As such, we respectfully request that USEPA allow residents' contractors to sample for all 61 chemicals in their sub-slab as part of the residents sampling and vapor intrusion system installation plan. Without this common-sense health and safety precaution, the residents will not move forward with the installation of their systems.

We thank you in advance for expediting this request, as the families living over the toxic plume continue to breathe in poison each new day that this issue is not resolved. If you have any questions, Robert Spiegel will act as the point of contact, and can be reached at 732-841-9375 or via email at rspiegel@edisonwetlands.org.

Respectfully,

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