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August 16, 2018

The Honorable Steve Barnett
70 E. Monroe Street
Franklin, IN 46131

Dear Mayor Barnett:

Re: Environmental testing in Franklin, Indiana

Thank you for reaching out to the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) to express your concerns regarding potential exposures to hazardous contamination in Franklin, Indiana. I wanted to take the opportunity to address your concerns and provide an update on IDEM's planned activities in Franklin.

Franklin, like other cities and towns in Indiana, has a long commercial and manufacturing history. When sampling results were recently released by the Edison Wetlands Association (EWA), many residents in Franklin were concerned. Working with your office, IDEM and the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH), along with U.S. EPA, held a public listening session in Franklin on Aug. 3rd. After hearing various concerns from residents, and out of an abundance of caution, IDEM has pledged to do the following:

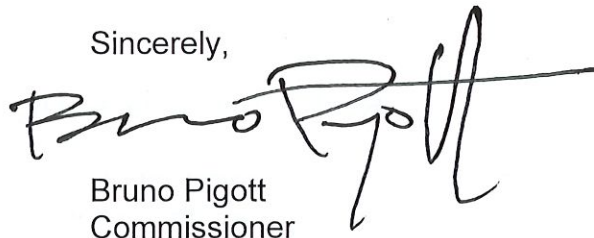
1. Conduct water sampling of Hurricane Creek.
2. Conduct short-term air sampling in select locations around Franklin in order to take a snapshot of air quality in locations around the city. This sampling will help IDEM determine where to place a stationary air monitor.
3. IDEM will place a stationary air monitor at a location to be determined by the short-term air sampling.
4. IDEM is committed to re-sample three of the homes and the ambient air site due to the levels of contaminants detected as shown in the EWA air sampling report.
5. IDEM will use drilling equipment to collect groundwater and soil gas samples on the north side of Hurricane Creek, south of Upper Shelbyville Road.
6. IDEM will work with the Johnson County Department of Health to sample 24 private drinking water wells near the Paris Estates subdivision and test for contamination.

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This work is part of our ongoing efforts in Franklin. To date, IDEM has tested one home and is in contact with the other two homeowners. We expect additional field work to be completed in the next two weeks with the results available in September. In order to keep residents and stakeholders updated, IDEM has created the following website which will be frequently updated as we move forward: www.idem.IN.gov/Franklin.

Thank you, again, for contacting IDEM. I pledge to continue to work together with my counterparts at U.S. EPA and ISDH to ensure the safety of all Hoosiers in Johnson County and around the State.

Sincerely,

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Bruno Pigott
Commissioner

cc:

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