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Mr. Andrew Wheeler, Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania, Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

I am extremely concerned for the long-term health of a socio-economically stressed Houston community upon finding statistically significantly higher than expected observed cases of cancers related to chemicals of concern from a historical and current industrial contamination site. There is a need for a multi-faceted response action across multiple federal programs, including HUD's Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control, EPA's Brownfields, Superfund and Environmental Justice, and FEMA. The City receives grant funding from EPA, HUD, and FEMA. I request assistance in facilitating a meeting of high-level personnel from each of these programs to support a coordinated response action plan. I feel a high-level coordinated response from our federal funding programs will provide the most efficient and cost-effective solution to address this tragic situation.

Please contact James Koski in my office at 832-393-0833 or james.koski@houstontx.gov for coordination with the City.

Sincerely,

Sylvester Turner
Mayor, City of Houston

cc: Mathew E. Ammon, Director – Office of Lead Hazard Control and Health Homes at US HUD
Matthew Tejada, Director – Office of Environmental Justice at US EPA
Peter Wright, Assistant Administrator- Office of Land and Emergency Management at US EPA
Steven Cook, Deputy Assistant Administrator- Office of Land and Emergency Management at US EPA