What information would you like the city to provide?

>>> <Rodriguez.Dante@epamail.epa.gov> 7/30/2008 4:48 PM >>>
Frank -
When the City receives a permit application for one of the flagged parcels at the Del Amo Superfund site, they should contact EPA's "Environmental Review Team for the Del Amo Superfund Site" at either of the following:
1. toll free (866) 565-4950, or
2. email: info@delamosuperfund.com

We set up the number and the email to handle such notifications.

For a point of contact within U.S. EPA, you would use my name and number: Dante Rodriguez (415) 972-3166, rodriguez.dante@epa.gov. But we don't want every notification to go to me, hence the special number and email box. Contact me to discuss any questions or issues regarding the pilot program. Thanks!

-Dante

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Please provide a contact at EPA the city should contact.

>>> <Rodriguez.Dante@epamail.epa.gov> 7/29/2008 1:07 PM >>>
That's right!
-Dante

Then I've been misunderstanding what EPA was requesting. I was under the impression that you wanted the building permit to be withheld until they clear your review process. Are you requesting simply that the city notify you when an application in the Del Amo Superfund site takes place?

>>> <Rodriguez.Dante@epamail.epa.gov> 7/28/2008 1:07 PM >>>
Frank -
   No, EPA does not have an authority to allow the City to withhold building permits. We are not asking the City to do that, merely to notify EPA when someone applies for one.
   Regarding your second question about actions that would need to be cleared by EPA, it would be excavation greater than 18 inches below ground surface.

-Dante

"Frank Hong"
<Frank.Hong@lacity.org> To Dante Rodriguez/R9/USEPA/US@EPA
07/28/2008 11:29 AM cc Subject
Re: EPA Authority
Good day Dante,

After speaking with you last night I spoke with Jeri Burge, our City Attorney. At this point she wanted further clarification on the authority of the City and EPA to withhold building permits. I understand that planning is delegated to the local authority, but does EPA have some overriding authority to protect health and safety relative to superfund sites? We can direct our departments to withhold the permit, but Jeri believes this action wouldn't hold legally. I mentioned that our DBS refers applicants to County Health and OSHA, but I believe there is state law that outlines the procedure. So again, if you can find out from your attorney on what legal nexus exist that would ease Jeri's concerns.

Another issue is what are the specific actions/results applicants need to clear from EPA. In other words, when an applicant is referred to your agency, are there specific items/conditions that need to be cleared that can be applied to all applicants.

~Frank