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Dear Neighbor:

This letter is intended to provide you with a brief update regarding the ongoing groundwater investigation relating to the gasoline leak at the Jacksonville Exxon station.

Property Purchases in Commercial Area

We are aware of the interest many residents have expressed regarding ExxonMobil's purchase of three pieces of property in Jacksonville's commercial area. We will be using these properties for long-term remediation activities.

3313 Paper Mill Road -- The property just west of the Exxon station is being used for both remediation activity and as an interim staging area for materials. A vacuum blower connected to the soil vapor extraction system in operation southwest of the station is housed in the on-site trailer.

By the time you receive this Update, a second trailer housing a water treatment equipment system will also be on this property. The equipment is necessary for a groundwater pump and treat pilot test. Currently the groundwater pumped as part of our recovery efforts is piped to storage tanks and then trucked off-site for proper disposal. We are aware that some residents have expressed concerns that this activity may impact groundwater levels in this area. During the pilot test, the treated water will be sampled to ensure that it is in compliance with our discharge permit issued by the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) and then discharged into the station's storm drain system. On-site storage tanks will hold the treated water until sampling results are received.

3410 Sweet Air Road -- We are currently using this property for remedial activities. Water pumped from recovery wells northeast of the station is piped to this site and stored in large tanks before being trucked off for disposal. A flame oxidizer and a thermal oxidizer treat the vapors from the soil vapor extraction system to the northeast. The vapors removed from the soil in residential areas to the northeast are piped to this site for treatment and discharge.

3418 Sweet Air Road -- Known as the "former Wendy's site," this property will be used for future remediation. Within the next week or so, we will begin a pilot groundwater pump and treat system similar to the one on Paper Mill Road. Ultimately this property may be used for a permanent pump and treatment system, but plans and designs have not been finalized. As with all our remediation activities, we will work under the direction of the MDE. —

A recovery and remediation effort of this size requires a lot of equipment. As we move forward, our focus will be to concentrate the necessary equipment and activities in as small a portion of the commercial area as possible. Those efforts are beginning this week.

Landscaping, Fencing, Signage

We have been in preliminary communication with the Greater Jacksonville Association regarding fencing, landscaping and signage at both the Exxon station site and the other remediation locations in the commercial district. At this point, we do not have sketches or plans, but when we do, the proposals will be reviewed with the Association Board. The Association has provided ExxonMobil with a copy of the Jacksonville Community Plan, which includes design and landscaping elements.

Recovery Update

As of April 24, 2006, approximately 10,600 gallons of liquid phase hydrocarbon have been recovered from the submersible pumps and vacuum truck operations. As mentioned previously, we are reviewing our measurement of the hydrocarbon concentrations utilized in the calculations to estimate the amount of petroleum product recovered via soil vapor extraction (SVE). We will report a corrected estimate as soon as it's completed. Also as of April 24, a total of 195 monitoring wells have been installed at the station site and on surrounding properties.

We are now reporting our recovery and remediation activities to the MDE on a weekly basis. These reports, which include results from all monitoring wells, are posted on the MDE's website at www.mde.state.md.us.

We will continue to provide updates to the community and apologize for any inconvenience the recovery and remediation activities may have caused you. If you have questions, please call ExxonMobil's Information Line at 1 877-346-0302.

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