

Rice, Tami [DNR]

From: Norris, Calvin [cnorris@Aegonusa.com]
Sent: Monday, January 04, 2010 4:39 PM
To: Rice, Tami [DNR]
Subject: RE: Cedar Valley Montessori School Playground Test Results

Happy New Year Tami! Thanks for this. If you could send it to my attention at the address listed below, that would be great.

Calvin Norris
Board Director, CVMS
PO Box 10082
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Thank you very much for all of your help.

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From: Rice, Tami [DNR] [mailto:Tami.Rice@dnr.iowa.gov]
Sent: Monday, December 28, 2009 12:49 PM
To: Norris, Calvin
Subject: RE: Cedar Valley Montessori School Playground Test Results

Calvin,

Could you provide your address or the contact information for the individual to whom we should send our response? While we can't give any determination with regard to the use of the property (playground) we can send our standard language for this sort of inquiry which basically states that the site does not represent a hazardous condition per our rules.

Once I get the address, we will send our standard response.

Thanks,
Tami

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From: Norris, Calvin [mailto:cnorris@Aegonusa.com]
Sent: Thursday, December 17, 2009 3:29 PM
To: Rice, Tami [DNR]
Subject: RE: Cedar Valley Montessori School Playground Test Results

A simple letter/pdf from your office stating our test results are within acceptable limits for play area soils would be ideal. This would assist our organization in memorializing the due diligence we've performed in regards to flood remediation. Even a one line statement would be fine, provided it contains a signature and letterhead. Would that be OK with you?

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From: Rice, Tami [DNR] [mailto:Tami.Rice@dnr.iowa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, December 17, 2009 3:03 PM
To: Norris, Calvin
Subject: RE: Cedar Valley Montessori School Playground Test Results

I agree that these concentrations are not likely an issue and did find that our cumulative risk calculator for residential exposure would be protective enough for your exposure scenario (children on a playground). When I entered the concentrations in the calculator for residential exposure, the sample passed.

I should get some clarification from you regarding what kind of a response you would like from the Department. Is what I've provided enough or would you like a more formal response?

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From: Norris, Calvin [mailto:cnorris@Aegonusa.com]
Sent: Thursday, December 17, 2009 2:49 PM
To: Rice, Tami [DNR]
Subject: RE: Cedar Valley Montessori School Playground Test Results

That would be fine, and thanks for letting me know. I dug up some stuff on the EPA's website, and it appears our levels are well below the average background soil concentration levels in the US. I'd be very surprised if we have a problem.

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From: Rice, Tami [DNR] [mailto:Tami.Rice@dnr.iowa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, December 17, 2009 2:25 PM
To: Norris, Calvin
Subject: RE: Cedar Valley Montessori School Playground Test Results

Calvin,

I did receive your email and hope to provide a response shortly; however, there may be a delay due to the holidays approaching. Thanks for checking!

Tami

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From: Norris, Calvin [mailto:cnorris@Aegonusa.com]
Sent: Wednesday, December 16, 2009 11:21 AM
To: Rice, Tami [DNR]
Subject: Cedar Valley Montessori School Playground Test Results

Tami, per our phone conversation yesterday, please see the test results from the University of Iowa Hygienic Lab for the mulch at the Cedar Valley Montessori School playground.

By way of background, this site was flooded back in June 2008, and was under 8' of water for three days. As a measure of precaution, we have removed the top 6" of mulch that was in direct contact with the flood water, and we had the remaining mulch tested. We intend to add 9" of new mulch to what remains at the site, but before we proceed, we wanted to be sure this strategy would be safe for the children at the school that may come in contact with the "old" material.

Please provide a risk assessment of the remaining mulch material and advise if any additional remediation efforts need to be undertaken by CVMS in order to render the playground safe for its intended activity.

Many thanks,

Calvin W. Norris
Member, CVMS Board of Directors