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**Subject:** Media Contact - Madison Kipp

I just got off the phone with Pat Schneider, reporter for the Cap Times. She was looking for additional information about the excavation of the 5 backyards on Waubesa Street due to PCB contamination being present above applicable residential risk screening levels. Things she wanted to know include:

Who directed the work (DNR as part of the overall site investigation/remediation work)

Who’s paying for the work (Madison Kipp)

What properties are affected (241, 245, 249, 353, 257 Waubesa Street)

What’s the plan – the excavations look quite deep (generally a 10-foot swath nearest the Kipp property line toward the homes, to a depth of 2-feet deep. The excavation at 245 Waubesa will go to 4-feet deep, based upon the data)

How did this work come about (contamination ID’ed as part of the overall site work. As a result of investigation, discovered this contamination off-site. A workplan was submitted and we approved it – referred her to DNR’s Kipp webpage for more info)

What about fugitive dust from the excavations – isn’t it a health hazard (Explained I wasn’t a toxicologist but I understood PCB exposure to be dangerous over the long-term, not as a result of short-term exposure – referred her to WDHS or Dane County/City of Madison Health Department for better explanation. Also suggested OSHA may have rules regarding worker protection when handling PCB-contaminated wastes)

Was the PCB contamination worse than originally thought (Based upon the initial data and on-site, yes, but not so true off-site. The following statement was not shared, but the fact is: the initial info from on-site indicated PCBs around 100 ppm. Further investigation yielded concentrations on-site as high as 20,000ppm. )

Please let me know if you have additional questions.

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