



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 7**

11201 Renner Boulevard
Lenexa, Kansas 66219

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The Honorable Timothy Woerther
Mayor of Wildwood
183 Plaza Drive
Wildwood, Missouri 63040

Dear Mayor Woerther:

The EPA received your letter regarding concerns about deleting the Callahan subsite of the Ellisville Superfund Site from the National Priority List. As you may recall, the EPA began the administrative process to delete the Callahan subsite after the 2012 removal action. During the removal action the EPA excavated and removed residual contamination from the Callahan subsite, then backfilled the area with clean soil. During the partial deletion process, the EPA discussed the eventual deletion of the Callahan subsite at several open houses and public meetings with the community. The EPA appreciates the dialogue with the City and looks forward to continuing the constructive aspects of such discussions.

The Ellisville site consists of several subsites. In addition to the Callahan subsite, there are also the Bliss and Rosalie subsites. As the EPA discussed in previous meetings with the City and concerned community members, the EPA is not proposing to delete either of the other subsites at this time. The EPA will continue to work collaboratively with the City and the state of Missouri as circumstances warrant on these other subsites. The EPA will also continue dialogue on the active portions of the Ellisville Superfund Site to ensure that local, state, and federal authorities are aware of activities on the Site over the long term.

It is important to note that the partial deletion of the Callahan subsite from the NPL is more administrative than substantive in nature. In accordance with the CERCLA law, the EPA retains the ability to reenter this property if new information or evidence comes to our attention that warrants additional action.

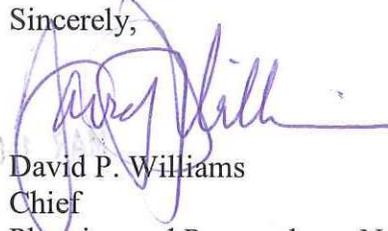
During the deletion process, the EPA will continue to ensure that the data and rationale used to support the decision to delete the subsite will be available to the public. A public notice will be placed in the local paper stating the intent for partial deletion of the Callahan subsite. There will be a 30-day comment period during which the City is welcome to formally comment on the partial deletion. There will also be supporting documentation for the partial deletion available at the local library.

The EPA appreciates the open and candid communication we have had with the City and residents over the past several years, and the EPA looks forward to continuing this communication throughout this positive administrative milestone.



If you have questions or wish to discuss the Callahan deletion, please contact Laura Price at (913) 551-7130, or at price.laura@epa.gov.

Sincerely,



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cc: Ben Washburn