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to Andrew, Bob, Barry, Bernadette, Carol, Craig, David, Diane, Marilyn, Steven, Bevin, Eduardo, Eleanor, Eric, Eric, Flo, Fred, Gary, me, Greg, Helen, Jennifer, Jill, Jim, Joanne

Hello,

Please see EPA's response to the questions posed below. Thank you.

1. What is the plan to keep these holes in check before the EPA leaves?

*We have and will continue to fill the holes while we are on-site. EPA's Emergency and Rapid Response Services (ERRS) Contractors were off last week and there has been no operations this week (Monday and Tuesday) because of the rain. We also have traps set up. The Wissahickon Valley Watershed Association relocated the ones we trapped last year.*

2. How many holes are there?

*We know of two.*

3. Last time inspected?

*The week before Memorial Day Weekend.*

4. Why is there a goat trail made with wood chips running down the middle of the embankment? Is this an Attractive Nuisance that will encourage hikers, kids, that will remain out of site by police driving by?

*That is the woodchips that were inside the erosion control socks. The socks are no longer needed, so it was decided to cut the socks in place and leave the woodchips in place, as they will decompose with time.*

5. I have seen many deer walking the steep embankment. Has the EPA seen them?

*No, we have not.*

Are they compromising the bank stability?

*Probably not, but we will reach out to the Army Corps of Engineers to be sure.*

The EPA stated that deer do not like steep hills. This is an incorrect assumption.

*This was raised at the April CAG meeting with respect to the Ambler Asbestos Piles. The CAG was concerned about the deer jumping on the newly placed soil. EPA stated that the deer were not likely to walk on these slopes, given how steep they are (1/1)*

6. The workers doing the grass cutting were within 25 feet of the water. No PFD's were worn. Why not.? I believe It is required by OSHA.

*The Site Safety and Health Officer did not feel it was needed, as the water depth is less than 10 ft (OSHA's number).*

Thank you,

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