

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20510

August 1, 2013

The Honorable Bobby J. Hopewell
Mayor
City of Kalamazoo
241 West South Street
Kalamazoo, MI 49007-4796

Dear Mayor Hopewell:

Thank you for writing to us about the Allied Disposal site and the final remediation plan which is currently under consideration by the EPA. Enclosed please find a copy of our letter to the EPA Administrator.

With respect to your request to change the boundaries of the Kalamazoo River/Portage Creek Area of Concern (AOC), the EPA informed us that such a change would be initiated by the state with a formal request from the state to the EPA. In reviewing such a request, we were told that the EPA would consider whether the area to be included in the AOC causes or contributes to the beneficial use impairments within the AOC and whether there is a regulatory mechanism already in place to address the area.

Secondly, your letter also urges the selection of a specific company as the sole source contractor. Under federal rules, the EPA must award contracts of this nature through a competitive bidding process.

We remain committed with you to doing all we can to ensure that the final remediation plan protects the health and safety of the Kalamazoo community, and toward that effort, we will continue to encourage the EPA to fully consider the total removal option.

Sincerely,



Carl Levin
United States Senator

Debbie Stabenow
United States Senator

Fred Upton
Member of Congress

Enclosure