

New Orleans City Council

District E
Councilmember
Cynthia Willard-Lewis

Councilmember Willard-Lewis
Provides Information for District "E" Constituents
Re: Agriculture Street Landfill Litigation

Community Announcement

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New Orleans, LA - July 7, 2009 - District "E"
Councilmember Cynthia Willard-Lewis is distributing the information below on the Agriculture Street Landfill Litigation to her constituents in District "E."

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The Agriculture Street Landfill (ASL) is a former landfill, closed in 1966, that has been developed in part for residential use. In the early 1980's, Gordon Plaza Subdivision, Housing Authority of New Orleans (HANO) housing, Gordon Plaza Apartments, the Moton School, the Press Park residential area and community center were constructed over the landfill.

Site contaminants have been detected in soil, dust, air, and garden produce - the highest levels of contaminants have been detected in the undeveloped area of the site, which has been classified as a public health hazard.

Councilmember Willard-Lewis said, "District E residents have many

concerns in relation to this landfill, including - cleanup activities, run-off of contaminants, maintenance of undeveloped property, and poor response from utility companies, as well as health concerns. I want to ensure that they have this important information on the ongoing litigation regarding the Agriculture Street Landfill."

Important Notice - Proof of Claim Process

Read carefully - this may affect your rights.

- Agriculture Street Landfill Litigation -

Pursuant to order of the Civil District Court for the Parish of Orleans, notice is hereby given to: all persons of business entities who meet the following criteria for membership in the class:

1. Current and former residents who lived within the "Class Area Boundaries" [the area bounded on the north by Higgins Boulevard, on the east by Louisa Street, on the south by Florida Avenue and on the west by Almonaster Boulevard and the Peoples Avenue Canal, including the adjacent property located between Montegut and Feliciana Streets and the west side of Louisa Street] for at least one full year before February 1, 1994;
2. Current and former business owners, operators and their employees who operated a business within the Class Area Boundaries for at least one full year before February 1, 1994;
3. Current and former owners of a home or commercial property within the Class Area Boundaries for at least one full year prior to February 1, 1994, including residents who are buying their homes but have not yet completed their payments; and/or
4. Former students and employees of Robert Moton Elementary School who attended or worked at the school within the Class Area Boundaries for at least one complete school year between and including the 1986-1987 school year through the 1993-1994 school year.

Purpose of this notice: If you fit the definition of the class as stated above and 1) you suffered loss of value to your home or business property located within the class area boundaries and/or 2) you suffered emotional distress as a result of living or working in the class area boundaries, your legal rights may be affected by a proof of claim process that has been ordered by the court.

To find out more information or to obtain a more detailed notice and

official claim form, contact Class Counsel at 1-877-233- 4470 or www.bagnerislawfirm.com, or write to the Claims Administrator at:

Claims Administrator

Post Office Box 60600

New Orleans, Louisiana 70160-0600

Important:

Please note that if you are a member of the class, have a claim, and wish to pursue that claim, you must timely submit an official claim form. If you do not submit the official claim form with all attachments postmarked no later than November 13, 2009, you will not be able to recover any money related to the legal claims in this litigation, even if you determine later that you are a part of the class. The period to exclude yourself from the class has already passed. The only way to possibly recover any damages from the defendants is to timely submit an official claim form. Do not contact the court, the clerk of court, or Counsel for the defendants.

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