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The Honorable Lisa Jackson  
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Dear Administrator Jackson:

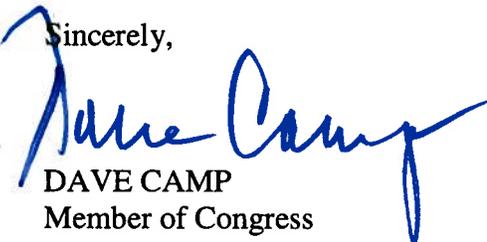
I am writing to request additional information from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regarding dioxin and dioxin exposure, prior to providing my comments during the public comment period on the agency's recently released interim preliminary remediation goals (PRGs) for cleanup of dioxins in soil.

1. Has EPA, or any other federal agency, conducted an economic analysis to determine the financial impact of implementing the interim PRG? If so, please outline the costs to private and public entities, the expected impact on jobs, and commercial and residential property values.
2. What was the impetus to issue PRGs by the end of 2009? Similarly, why have you selected the end of 2010 as the date by which a complete dioxin reassessment is to be completed?
3. How many sites are currently on EPA's National Priorities List (NPL) for dioxin contamination? How many sites would be added if this interim PRG is adopted?
4. How many sites currently have dioxin contamination that is classified under the Superfund Alternative (Site Listing) Approach? How many additional sites would EPA expect to pursue under this approach if the interim PRG is adopted?
5. What are the dioxin toxicity equivalent (TEQ) concentrations in NPL and Superfund Alternative sites that have been identified as having dioxin contamination?
6. How many households are within NPL and Superfund Alternative sites that have been identified as having dioxin contamination? What is the total population of these locations? How would this change under the new PRG?
7. Given that the dioxin contamination in Tittabawassee River/Saginaw River and Bay Contamination Site and within the City of Midland are not listed in the EPA's database as either on the NPL or through the Superfund Alternative Approach, how will you accurately estimate the effect on the new PRG on the nation and its citizens?

8. How many residential sites have received cleanup decisions for dioxin contamination? Will EPA be reviewing those sites that have received cleanup decisions in lieu of new interim or final PRGs?
9. Under Michigan state law, residential properties that have dioxin contamination would be labeled as "facilities" (Part 201 of Michigan state cleanup law). How many residences within the Tittabawassee River/Saginaw River and Bay Contamination Site and the City of Midland would be labeled as toxic facilities based upon you the new interim PRG? What are the economic consequences regarding such a finding to both property owners and the local municipalities? What is the appeal process for a property owner and what would their disclosure obligations be as a result of this finding?
10. Upon the issuance of EPA's final dioxin reassessment and final PRGs by the end of 2010, does the EPA anticipate to re-evaluate cleanup decisions made with the interim PRGs simultaneous with the release of the final PRGs, or after the release? How many sites does EPA anticipate to re-evaluate? If done after the release of the final PRGs, when does EPA anticipate finalizing those re-evaluations?
11. Which studies, if any, studied how and to what extent soil dioxins are absorbed into the human body? Did any of those studies specifically examine the health risks associated with exposure to soil dioxins?
12. How does lowering the soil criteria reconcile with EPA's own assertion that contact with contaminated soil is only 1% of a person's total exposure? "EPA's Review of the University of Michigan Dioxin Exposure Study, Page 8."
13. How has the EPA worked with Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) in determining this new level? If so, what was ATSDR's involvement and contributions? Has ATSDR agreed that this interim PRG level is appropriate to safeguard public health?

I respectfully request that you respond to these questions in writing by February 1, 2010. Please do not hesitate to contact me, or Brian Sutter of my staff, at 202-225-3561 should you need further clarification. Thank you for your timely attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



DAVE CAMP  
Member of Congress

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