

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

March 14, 2011

The Honorable Lisa P. Jackson
Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Ariel Rios Building
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20460-0001

Dear Administrator Jackson,

We are writing this letter to ask for consideration of our request that public outreach efforts to solicit input on vapor intrusion guidance include a session located in the New Jersey area. When studying the impacts of vapor intrusion as a potential pathway for migration of volatile organic compounds and some other organic and inorganic compounds, it only makes sense to take into consideration that New Jersey will be disproportionately affected. As you are well aware, New Jersey is the location of more Superfund sites than anywhere else in the country. It is also the location of many other toxic sites that have not been ranked for Superfund status, but which have serious contamination of soil and groundwater that can manifest itself in the form of vapor intrusion in residents' basements. In the most densely populated state in the country and as population centers encroach upon what were once industrial manufacturing areas, the number of affected residents can be expected to increase.

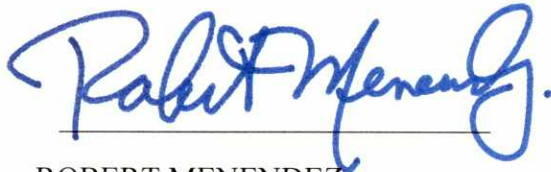
New Jerseyans have already been forced to face the reality of vapor intrusion - the threats of adverse health exposure and the concomitant loss in property values. In Pompton Lakes, over 450 homeowners have been told that they should have their homes tested and that they should install vapor mitigation systems. In Edgewater, vapor intrusion is being measured at a day care center. We also remember Kiddie Kollege, a day care facility in Franklin Township at the location of an old thermometer factory, which created vapor intrusion issues and mercury exposure for 30 toddlers.

Residents who have felt the threat of the impact of vapor intrusion would afford the EPA knowledgeable testimony about the human side of this pathway of

exposure. It is for these reasons that we support New Jersey as a most appropriate place to hold an outreach session.

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

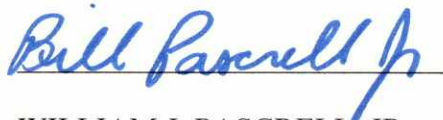
Sincerely,

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ROBERT MENENDEZ
United States Senator

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FRANK R. LAUTENBERG
United States Senator

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WILLIAM J. PASCHELL, JR.
United States Representative