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Sent: Friday, December 13, 2019 8:16 AM
To: Michael Honeycutt
Subject: FW: cancer cluster survey

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Thanks for the clarification Khan. It appears accurate to us then.

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Hello,

Yes, the other option is "melanoma of the skin", and I left that out since TCEQ requested "Skin (non-melanoma)" in the original email we received. Please let us know if you would like change this option.

Thank you,

Nusaybah

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So this is how you categorize non-melanoma skin cancer then?

- Skin (excluding basal & squamous)
 - Other non-epithelial skin

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Hello and good afternoon,

Thank you for informing us of which census tracts to include.

The following summary is a list of what will be included in the assessment you have requested.

Cancer sites (using Site Recode ICD-O-3/WHO 2008 definition):

- Leukemia (Myeloid and Monocytic Leukemia)
 - Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML)
- Respiratory System
 - Nose
 - Nasal cavity
 - Larynx
 - Lung & Bronchus
 - Pleura
 - Trachea, Mediastinum, and other respiratory organs
- Digestive System
 - Esophagus
- Skin (excluding basal & squamous)
 - Other non-epithelial skin
- Oral Cavity and Pharynx
 - Lips
- Urinary System
 - Urinary Bladder

Time frame:

- 2000—2016

Age:

- Adults (20 years and older)

Census tracts:

- 48201211000
- 48201211100
- 48201211200
- 48201211300
- 48201211400
- 48201211500
- 48201211600
- 48201211700

- 48201211900
- 48201212400

Please note that the census tracts you have requested include areas outside of the one mile buffer zone outlined on your map. Thus, results of this assessment should be interpreted with caution.

Please let us know if there are any inaccuracies listed in the summary above.

Thank you and have a great day.

Sincerely,

Nusaybah Khan, MPH

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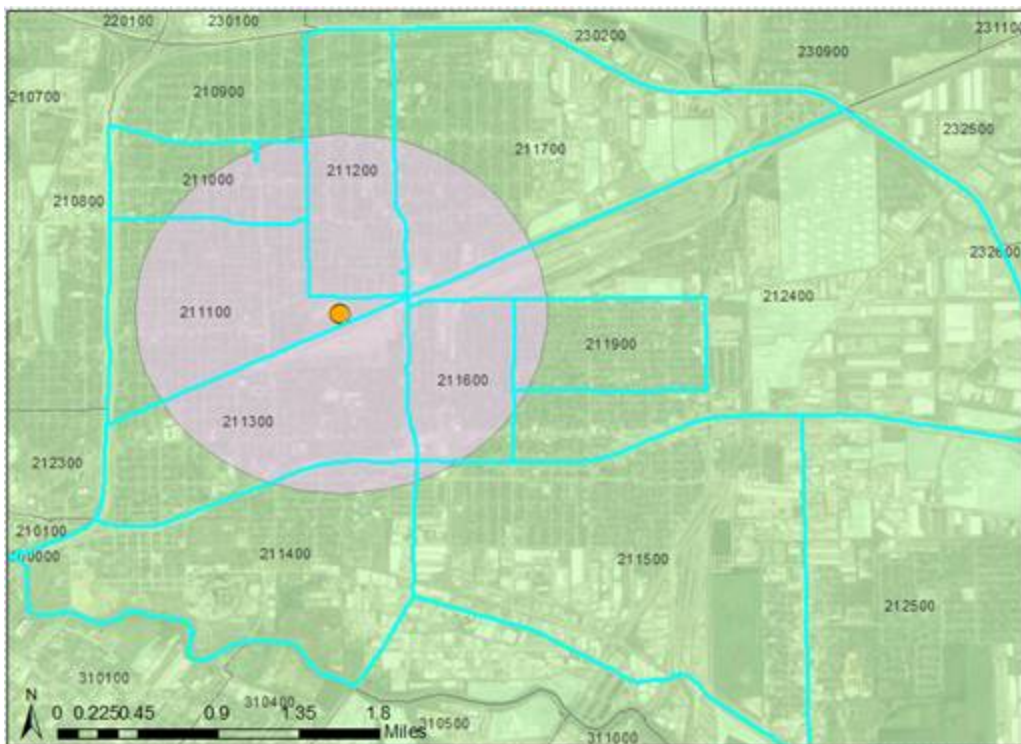
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Hi Nusaybah,

Mike asked me to get you the census tracts for this survey. Using a one-mile buffer around the lat/long associated with the UPRR site, some portion of following 10 census tracts fall within the buffer:

211000	211200	211400	211600	211900
211100	211300	211500	211700	212400

See below for a visual representation. The site is marked by the orange dot and the purple circle is the 1 mile buffer. The census tracts are labeled and ones that fall inside the 1-mile buffer are outlined in blue.



Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best regards,
Tracie



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Can you please respond?

Begin forwarded message:

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Date: May 10, 2019 at 11:04:31 AM CDT

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Hello,

I just wanted to check in and see if you all had finalized which census tract(s) you were interested in for the assessment.

Thank you and have a wonderful weekend!

-Nusaybah

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Here's the call-in info:

Participants Dialing Instructions

1. TCEQ Staff Access Number: 512-239-3446
2. Toll Free (for external customers ONLY): 844-368-7161
3. Participant's Collaboration code: 493640 #

Thanks!

Mike



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Great, thank you so much! We look forward to speaking with you all tomorrow!

-Nusaybah

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Hi Nusaybah,

Thanks for getting back with us. Yes, 11:30am tomorrow works for us. I'll follow up with a teleconference number later today or tomorrow morning.

Thanks!
Mike



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Hello and good morning,

My name is Nusaybah Khan and I am an epidemiologist in the Environmental Surveillance and Toxicology Branch of DSHS. Thank you for letting us know about the request below.

We had a few questions about the request—would you be available to speak with us about this matter tomorrow, (5/1/2019) around 11:30 AM? If this time doesn't work, please let us know and we can find another time.

Thank you and have a great day!

Sincerely,

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Hi Heidi,

I would like to request a cancer cluster survey for the area surrounding the Union Pacific Railroad in Houston. The address is:

Union Pacific Railroad - Former Houston Wood Preserving Works Facility
4910 Liberty Road
Houston, TX 77026

The company is renewing their RCRA permit and has on-site soil and groundwater contamination of creosote and related compounds arising from treating crossties with creosote since the early 1900s. The on-site soils have been capped, and a small area of off-site soils in the City of Houston right of way along the northern property boundary was also capped. The groundwater underneath 100+ homes north of the facility is contaminated at various depths. Please note that we are having the company explore whether or not vapor intrusion is a viable pathway underneath the houses.

Please conduct the cluster survey for the following cancers that are associated with the contaminants of concern:

acute myelogenous leukemia (AML)

respiratory tract (e.g., lung, esophagus, bronchus, trachea), but need excellent control for tobacco use

Skin (non-melanoma) & lips

bladder

If you need it, here's a link to demographic information for 77026:

<http://www.city-data.com/zip/77026.html>

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you need more information.

Thanks,
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