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Resolution #006 **of Pompton Lakes Community Advisory Group, Pompton Lakes, New Jersey**

WHEREAS, there is a 570-acre known contaminated site, Pompton Lakes DuPont Works Site, located at 2000 Cannonball Road in Pompton Lakes, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the residents of Pompton Lakes have suffered for decades from exposure to toxic chemicals and poisonous gases from the legacy of manufacturing lead azide, aluminum, bronze shelled blasting caps, aluminum and copper shells, and unknown chemical and munitions hazards and are living with contaminated soil, groundwater and vapor intrusion contamination. The community of Pompton Lakes suffers from extreme flooding problems and under the Community Rating System (CRS) was rated as a Category 5 (with potential to be moved up to Category 6 level) flood area. During flooding times, sewage levels are exceeded and contaminants from the DuPont Pompton Lakes Work site, over the course of a century, have a serious potential of being present in these flood-prone Pompton Lakes residential areas. The aquifer in Pompton Lakes, NJ is a single source aquifer and therefore is connected. To-date, detailed testing and sampling has not occurred in the flood-prone residential areas in Pompton Lakes, NJ; and

WHEREAS, it is a known and proven fact, based on sampling conducted by the United States Environmental Protection Agency, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, DuPont and the Borough of Pompton Lakes that the heavy metals emanating from the Pompton Lakes DuPont Works site were carried by high water the length of the Acid Brook, over the banks of the brook onto abutting properties and into Pompton Lake. It is also known that the heavy metals contaminated private property forcing an extensive remediation of these areas. Considering these known facts, it is plausible the same heavy metals would be carried throughout Pompton Lake into the river and flood-prone areas below the Dam, especially after the addition of the bottom-opening flood gates and the intense water pressure due to severe weather conditions in the Pompton Lakes Dam; and

WHEREAS, the residents have formed the Pompton Lakes Community Advisory Group (CAG) to understand the cleanup process, advise the federal and state agencies, disseminate information to the public, and let their voices be heard; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pompton Lakes Community Advisory Group respectfully requests that the United States Environmental Protection Agency immediately perform independent (i.e., not to be performed by DuPont and/or a contractor of DuPont's choice but by the EPA or a selected EPA contractor) detailed testing and sampling of the flood-prone neighborhoods in Pompton Lakes, New Jersey that has the residents' best interest in mind. Testing/sampling must be performed for the full suite of potential contaminants, including the USEPA's TCL+25 list (organics), the USEPA's TAL list (metals) and PCBs. In addition, based on the severe flooding issues in Pompton Lakes, flood induced discharges of raw and partially treated sewage is a concern, particularly pathogenic microbes. This study must include testing for human pathogens, such as Hepatitis A Virus and Cryptosporidium. We request that this testing is completed prior to issuing a modified RCRA permit for the Acid Brook Delta and Pompton Lake. We also request that USEPA provide the Pompton Lakes CAG with a written response to this resolution in a timely manner.

This resolution was adopted by the Pompton Lakes Community Advisory Group on January 9, 2012.