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Mayor and Council Members-

Below is an update on key activities during the past month.

Replacement Extraction Well Near the Dump Site

Installation of the new extraction well was completed on May 3rd. A pumping test was conducted on May 7th. The final hookup and startup of operation should be completed this week.

Replacement Well at 12 West Shore Road

The homeowner had a change of heart with regard to the location for the replacement well. CRA is working with the homeowner to resolve the location issue, which may involve a variance request.

2009 Annual Monitoring Report

CRA submitted the 2009 Annual Monitoring Report to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) on March 11, 2010. A copy is available on the City webpage. I reviewed the report and agreed with the conclusions and recommendations. I provided comments to the MPCA on April 23rd. The comments are intended to help clarify the report and make it more user-friendly. I will be tracking a response from the MPCA.

Groundwater Monitoring

The April round of residential well testing was completed. The only home with a detection of vinyl chloride was 12 West Shore Road, the home slated for a replacement well as noted above. The MPCA will be mailing results to the homeowners with tested wells, probably in the next few weeks. The next scheduled round of well testing will be in October 2010.

Concerns from Lake Gilfillan Watershed Association

The Lake Gilfillan Watershed Association (LGWA) sent a memorandum to the North Oaks City Council on March 27, 2010, and spoke at the City Council meeting on April 8, 2010. The purpose of these communications was to express concerns regarding potential links between the Highway 96 Dump Site and conditions in Lake Gilfillan, and to seek assistance in addressing these concerns. The LGWA has two overall concerns: 1) contamination from the dump site may have migrated into the lake, and 2) pumping at the

dump site may have caused or contributed to declining water levels in the lake. I forwarded the LGWA memorandum to CRA on April 23rd and requested their assistance in addressing the concerns. CRA, on behalf of the Responsible Parties, has previously addressed these same concerns, going back approximately 20 years. CRA has indicated that they will provide another response within the next 1-2 weeks. I will review the information and provide an opinion with regards to agreement or disagreement.

Let me know if you have any questions, or if there is something else you would like me to do. Otherwise, I plan to attend the June City Council meeting for an in-person update, as requested by Melinda Coleman.

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