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Dear fellow Southside neighbors,

As you may know, earlier this year Clinton West Plaza has been declared by the State as a site requiring environmental clean-up, presumed to be from contamination from the former Clinton West Laundry that occupied the plaza from the 1960s through 2000.

The DEC is working with the responsible party (the owner) to assess the full scope of the problem, create a plan of action, and remove the chemicals.

I understand that a company, Passero Associates, has been soliciting some of you for their "air sampling" services.

Do not purchase such air monitoring.

If a need for such monitoring is determined,

they will be provided at no cost to the homeowners through a DEC-supervised environmental consulting firm.

I've also alerted our State Assemblywomen Barbara Lifton's office as well about this company's solicitations. Susan Pratt, staff member for Assemblywomen Lifton, said this was the first they heard about the solicitations and that they would contact the Attorney General's Office to see what recourse could be taken.

In the meantime, I am working to establish a meeting between our neighborhood and the DEC for late July or early August, so that we could learn more about the scope of the problem, what's been done so far, and what are the next steps.

I welcome your input. Please feel free to contact me at 273.2417 or [erosario@cityofithaca.org](mailto:erosario@cityofithaca.org) with any thoughts, concerns or questions. Sincerely, Eric Rosario

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Update (July): I won't be available between July 3<sup>rd</sup> and July 10<sup>th</sup>, but I'll return your messages afterwards.