

Dear Study Participant,

Thank you again for participating in the Hudson County Chromium Exposure Route and Pathway Investigation study. Shortly after the sampling, we sent you a letter informing you of the results from your own home. The full study has now been completed and the overall results analyzed. The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) is releasing the full study report as well as a Research Project Summary that provides NJDEP's summary and interpretation of the results and a Citizens' Guide to the results and their meaning. The Citizens' Guide is enclosed. The Research Project Summary and the final report are posted on the DEP's web site at _____.

You will find contact information for any questions that you may have about the study in the Citizens' Guide. Your participation was crucial to the completion of this study.

We are currently conducting the second phase of the study (see enclosed flyer). In this phase, we are recruiting Jersey City families with young children to participate. As in the first phase of the study, we will collect dust samples from the home. We will also be collecting urine samples from children six years old and younger. We will analyze the dust and urine samples to determine if the levels of chromium we find in the dust are related to the children's exposure to chromium. All participating families will receive \$25 once the dust and urine samples are collected.

If you know any families who may be interested in participating in this second phase, please contact Dr. Kathy Black at our toll free number 866-855-2712 or send an email to blackka@umdnj.edu.

Again, thank you for your participation and cooperation.

Sincerely,

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