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Mr. Jeff Edson
Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment
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Dear Mr. Edson:

There is a proposal to redevelop an 80-acre historical landfill, located at approximately Alameda Avenue and Clinton Street near Windsor Gardens, the Mira Vista Golf Course and the Westerly Creek dam. The landfill was capped with dirt and fenced off several years ago under an approved closure plan on the former Lowry Air Force Base. At that time, it was expected that Denver Parks and Recreation would assume responsibility for the landfill and it would become usable open space after a period of approximately thirty years.

Denver Parks and Recreation, however, chose not to accept this land and the Lowry Redevelopment Authority recently transferred ownership of the property to International Risk Group, who is interested in developing the land. The development for the "Lowry Vista" proposes a mix of (commercial, office and residential) uses.

Can you tell me if the proposed uses are compatible with the way that the landfill was remediated to date? If this development moves forward, what actions will the Colorado Department of Public Health and the Environment take to ensure that the development of Lowry Vista on this site is safe for Denver residents and the environment?

Can you provide some information that we can post on our website that discusses the environmental conditions at this site and your position on the landfill?

Thank you for taking the time to thoroughly address these concerns.

Sincerely,

Councilwoman Marcia Johnson

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