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Mathy Stanislaus
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Dear Mr. Stanislaus:

I am writing to request that you release the preliminary Hazard Ranking System (HRS) evaluation and score prepared for the Battlefield Golf Club (BGC) located at 1001 South Centerville Turnpike in Chesapeake, Virginia to my office at 2438 Rayburn House Office Building in Washington, DC 20515.

As you may know, 1.5 million tons of fly ash was included in the structural foundation of BGC in 2002. After learning in 2008 that well tests conducted at BGC site revealed elevated levels of harmful contaminants such as arsenic and lead, the City of Chesapeake requested that the Environmental Protection Agency conduct a preliminary site assessment (PA) to determine whether the site had been contaminated. In August 2008, an abbreviated PA determined that the site may pose a threat to human health and the environment. The Site Inspection (SI) which is now underway will determine if a release and/or migration of hazardous substances to drinking water wells or intakes has occurred.

According to your Agency, a preliminary HRS score has been prepared for BGC but will be withheld as a part of the "deliberative process." This HRS evaluation that exists could indicate a direct and present threat to the health of many of the constituents in the Fourth District of Virginia. As such, I respectfully request that this information be provided to my office immediately.

Should you have any questions regarding the foregoing, please feel free to contact me or my Legislative Assistant, Andrew Donahue, at andrew.donahue@mail.house.gov / (202) 226-6365. With kind personal regards, I am

Yours truly,

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