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**Hope VI – Center Court
Revitalization Housing Project**

The Niagara County Health Department Environmental Health Division (NCHDEH) is responsible for review and approval of the public waterlines, the public sewer lines and the realty subdivision plans as they relate to the Hope VI Project in the City of Niagara Falls. The developer, Center Court I, LLC, has performed several site assessments and has submitted a soil management plan to address identified site contamination.

After a thorough review of reports submitted by the developer, NCHDEH has raised several concerns regarding the completeness of the information provided, relative to the waste materials encountered at the site; mainly incinerator ash. The Department is also concerned with the proposed management of exhumed waste.

The NCHDEH has determined it would be in the best interest of all parties to halt construction until all public health and environmental issues are adequately addressed. To fully assess public health and environmental impacts, NCHDEH Public Health Engineers require proper and complete characterization of samples and better identification of the limits of waste disposal on the proposed project site.

The NCHDEH has requested a meeting with all parties, including representatives of the New York State Department of Health and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, to occur within the next week.