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Subject: Public access to Hudson River

Marc,

Thank you and your colleagues for meeting with me on March 26th, 2021 at the DeLaval site in the City of Poughkeepsie. The purpose of the visit was to evaluate the area and provide risk management guidance regarding its potential usage.

Observations regarding the DeLaval site:

- Access to the river for the public enjoyment would need appropriate fencing or a barrier, and warning signs adjacent to the water. Such signs would absolutely prohibit swimming and diving and keep the public away from the bulkhead. The area close to the water should have a safe walkway that is paved and free of tripping hazards. See Photo.
- There are many tripping hazards throughout the site that would need to be somehow removed or protected from the public so members of the public can enjoy the park safely. See attached photos. The area will need to be inspected and maintained going forward.
- Appropriate and detailed warning signage will be required at the entrance to the park and at various points in the park. Signs will indicate specifically permitted and prohibited activities, including prohibiting the consumption of alcohol.
- The public should be prohibited from walking in the rocky area adjacent to the water to prevent tripping hazards. A fence and signage will be needed. See photo.
- As the site moves down towards the southern end, the landscape changes and approaches older industrial structures. Fencing and signage should be provided to clearly mark the end of the park, where public access will be prohibited.
- Hours should be limited to daylight hours as with most parks. Regular patrols by law enforcement are desirable.
- Parking on site should be carefully planned, leaving safe walkways for visitors/families to the riverfront.
- Caution would need to be exercised regarding fishing areas so that there is enough room to safely cast, with other park users passing by.
- There is a berm running parallel to the riverfront area. The berm separates an upper and lower level of the site. The site would be best limited to usage at the lower level of the berm, other than for parking, where the site has enhanced potential for safe visitation. The berm itself is not suitable for biking or pedestrians and would

be an attractive nuisance for same. The berm should be protected by fencing on the upper and lower levels, along its length.

- Existing exterior fencing should be inspected and repaired if need be.
- If restrooms are to be provided, the buildings or structures should be maintained and sanitized/cleaned frequently.

Our reports are based upon observations or information available at the time of surveys which may not discover all hazards. There is no intended implication that all conditions were observed or under control at the time of our visit.

Regards,

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Thank you Marc....

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