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The Honorable J. Christian Bollwage  
Mayor  
City of Elizabeth  
50 Winfield Scott Plaza  
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Dear Mayor Bollwage:

Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy on Thursday, April 21, 2016, to testify at the hearing entitled "EPA's Brownfields Program: Empowering Cleanup and Encouraging Economic Redevelopment."

Pursuant to the Rules of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, the hearing record remains open for ten business days to permit Members to submit additional questions for the record, which are attached. The format of your responses to these questions should be as follows: (1) the name of the Member whose question you are addressing, (2) the complete text of the question you are addressing in bold, and (3) your answer to that question in plain text.

To facilitate the printing of the hearing record, please respond to these questions with a transmittal letter by the close of business on May 27, 2016. Your responses should be mailed to Will Batson, Legislative Clerk, Committee on Energy and Commerce, 2125 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515 and e-mailed in Word format to [Will.Batson@mail.house.gov](mailto:Will.Batson@mail.house.gov).

Thank you again for your time and effort preparing and delivering testimony before the Subcommittee.

Sincerely,



John Shimkus  
Chairman

Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy

cc: The Honorable Paul Tonko, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy

Attachment

## Additional Questions for the Record

### The Honorable John Shimkus

1. Would you please explain to us the concept of “mothballed” sites and why these sites might be of particular concern?
  - A. Potential liability for contamination and costs that may exceed the property value of these sites are often the issue, what can we do to address those issues?
  - B. Do you have any suggestions on what we can do to remove the barriers to dealing with “mothballed” sites?