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### **GARY CONTINUES TO MONITOR UPDATES FOLLOWING CHEMICAL SPILLS IN LAKE MICHIGAN**

**Gary, Indiana**-The City of Gary's Environmental Affairs Department continues to monitor information received from the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) following the recent chemicals spills along the Lake Michigan shoreline.

Reports indicate results from water samplings on Sunday and Monday this week, found no detection of cyanide along the shoreline.

"We want to assure Gary residents that we are aware and concerned about the chemical spills by AcerloMittal," said Mayor Karen Freeman-Wilson. "While we know the spills were concentrated in Portage at Burns Ditch and the Port of Indiana, these are both headwaters for the Lake Michigan shoreline in the city of Gary. We have been receiving updates from IDEM and are closely monitoring the results of the water tests."

The city of Gary will continue to receive updates from IDEM and keep the public updated on any change in results. Information will be posted on the city's website: [www.gary.in.us](http://www.gary.in.us); public notices and on social media: [teamgaryindiana.com](http://teamgaryindiana.com) of any changes.

Residents can view sampling updates on IDEM's website:

<https://www.in.gov/idem/cleanwater/2576.htm>. Updates from ArcelorMittal can be found via this link: <https://usa.arcelormittal.com/news-and-media/announcements/2019/aug/08-16-2019>. The Gary Sanitary District and Indiana American Water will also continue to monitor water reports.

The Environmental Affairs Department and Green Urbanism Division works with state and federal agencies to monitor air and land quality, water quality, natural resources, storm water, brownfields and recycling in the city. The department can be reached at 219-882-3000.