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EPA to Hold a Public Availability Session to Discuss Soil Sampling Results in North Birmingham

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(Atlanta-April 26, 2011) The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will hold a public availability session regarding results of a soil sampling investigation in Harriman Park, Collegeville and Fairmont neighborhoods at select properties near the Walter Coke, Inc. facility in North Birmingham, AL. Representatives from the EPA, Walter Coke, Inc. and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) will be available to provide information, answer questions and address citizen concerns.

Walter Coke, Inc. (former Sloss Industries Corporation) conducted soil sampling under an agreement with the EPA in 2009. The 2009 investigation was conducted to determine if contamination (arsenic and a group of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons) exists and to evaluate if any further response actions are necessary to protect public health and the environment.

WHO: EPA, Walter Coke, Inc. and ATSDR

WHAT: Public Availability Session

WHEN: Thursday, April 28, 2011, 3:30 - 8:00 p.m.; Presentations at 4pm and 6pm

WHERE: Hudson K-8 School, 3300 F.L. Shuttlesworth Drive North, Birmingham, AL 35207

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ATTENTION: A media availability session will be held at Hudson K-8 School, 3300 F.L. Shuttlesworth Drive North, Birmingham, AL 35207 from 2:30 to 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 28, 2011. Site representatives will be available to answer media questions concerning the soil sampling.

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