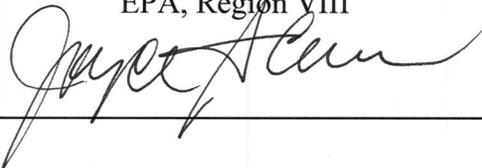


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<p>TO: Detective Sergeant Mike Jolliffe Fremont County Sheriff's Office</p>	<p>FROM: Joyce M. Ackerman EPA, Region VIII</p> 	<p>Date: 11/6/2023</p> <p>Time:</p>
<p>Summary of Conversation:</p> <p>Regarding the Return to Nature Funeral Home at 31 Werner Road, Penrose, Fremont County, Colorado:</p> <p>The Fremont County Sheriff's office, Colorado Bureau of Investigation, Federal Bureau of Investigation and other local agencies made entries into the building the week of October 9, 2023. The following things were observed:</p> <p>There were more than 189 deceased human bodies improperly stored inside the building. The bodies were not contained. They were stored on the floor in various rooms, on card tables, and on medical gurneys. The bodies were obviously decomposing.</p> <p>There were a few inches of sludge or gel on the floor of the building from the decomposing bodies. The Incident Management Team, including local and state agencies, contracted with a company to bring a vacuum truck to the site. The vacuum truck removed some of the sludge and stored it in a blue sludge box outdoors at the site. After the vacuuming procedure, there was still some sludge on the floor which remains inside the building.</p> <p>The sludge/gel from the decomposing bodies was observed to have spread throughout the building and soaked into walls, through woodwork, into the building foundation, and building stucco. There were thousands of flies inside the building, both dead and alive. There are signs that animals, possibly rodents, are attempting to burrow into the building near the front door.</p> <p>The entry teams wore personnel protective clothing and performed a decontamination procedure for the booties and suits including bleach and other decontamination solutions when exiting the building. The used PPE was bagged up and approximately 30 bags of used PPE were placed inside one room of the building at the conclusion of the operations.</p>		

