

## Congressman Rothman Announces Economic Development for Kearny

Federal funds to aid redevelopment of Koppers Coke

(Washington, DC) - Congressman Steve Rothman (D &ndash; NJ), a member of the U.S. House Appropriations Committee, announced new federal funding to help in the redevelopment of the Koppers Coke site in Kearny. The funding announced today through the Economic Development Initiative (EDI) of the Department of Housing and Urban Development will help turn this brownfield site into a two million square foot industrial park.

&ldquo;Over the past two years, I have secured over \$642,000 in federal funding to clean-up and develop Koppers Coke. I am pleased to have obtained an additional \$262,000 this year, for a total of \$904,000, in order to make positive changes to the Koppers Coke site,&rdquo; said Rothman. &ldquo;This money will help make this polluted location a functioning and productive warehousing and distribution space. Making these investments will also help create jobs and develop lasting economic opportunities in Kearny and throughout Hudson County.&rdquo;

The Economic Development Initiative (EDI) is designed to assist cities with the redevelopment of abandoned, idled and underused industrial and commercial facilities where expansion and redevelopment is burdened by environmental contamination. Funds are used as the stimulus for local governments and private sector parties to commence redevelopment or continue phased redevelopment efforts on brownfields sites where either potential or actual environmental conditions are known and redevelopment plans exist.

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