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**Date:** Friday, July 8, 2022 4:18:00 PM  
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Hi Tim,

I did get the chance talk to Ashley about the site after our phone call last week. From my understanding, Dig & Hauls can occur as long as you tell the Department that's what you are doing, but do not require pre-approval before starting work (as long as the Dig & Haul meets the requirements of the Policy). In this case, the Department would also require an SIR to evaluate the groundwater, and maybe soil gas depending on the quality of the data (we do prefer soil gas points instead of PID samples for school sites) for the potential school site out of an abundance of caution. The SIR and future RAWP would at minimum require a passive-to-active SSDS and any additional work that is not covered under implementation of the Dig & Haul Policy.

I think it would be very similar to how we are doing the Henry J Winters School in Pawtucket. There, you started the demolition and Dig & Haul process before I got the SIR.

Let me know if you have any questions on this.

Best,  
Stephanie



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Thanks Stephanie,

Do I need to send you anything else, like a letter, to formalize our transition from a SIR to a Dig and Haul project on the school side of the site? Or does the email below suffice?

Thanks, Tim

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Hi Tim,

Thank you for the summary. I think this sums up the meeting well.

Thanks,  
Stephanie



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Hello Stephanie and Ashley,

I'm writing this email to summarize our meeting for Rogers High School on June 3, 2022. Provided below is a brief summary of the points that came out of that meeting.

- The City and School Department will separate the environmental investigation and remediation of the former Harrison Avenue dump (inclusive of the dump beneath the athletic field, the former quarry, and the stump dump beneath the tennis courts) from the investigation and remediation of the rest of the school property. The City and School Department of are committed to investigating both halves of the site and bringing them to closure through the RIDEM Remediation Regulations, but given the school construction schedule and the nature of the findings (i.e., the environmental conditions within the former dump are more significant than the findings around the school facility) it makes sense to pursue the two halves of the site on different but parallel tracks.
- Pare requested, and RIDEM was amenable to, temporarily stockpiling soil from the school construction atop the former dump, specifically within the existing track and field. Appropriate environmental controls, such as erosion and sedimentation controls and stockpile covering will be implemented for any stockpiled soil on the former dump. Soil that

can be demonstrated to be clean (i.e., below RIDEM Residential DEC) can be reused on-site, while soil above the RIDEM Residential DEC shall remain atop the former dump and will be capped when the dump is capped in the near future.

- Pare requested, and RIDEM was amenable to, performing the remediation on the school half of the site under the RIDEM Dig and Haul Policy. The disposal outlet for contaminated soil shall be the former on-site dump (see bullet above).
- The investigation and remediation of the dump will be performed in accordance with the Site Remediation regulations through a traditional SIR/RAWP process. The next step in this process is to provide RIDEM a Site Investigation Work Plan. The work plan will include, among other things sampling and analysis of stormwater on adjacent parcels, which has been a concern of RIDEM's and of some of the abutting property owners.
- Pare requested, and RIDEM was amenable to, the installation of a temporary parking lot on the southern side of the school site. Any soil excavated as part of the parking lot construction will be moved to the former dump and stockpiled there for characterization and a determination as to re-use or capping.
- Pare requested, and RIDEM was amenable to, allowing the demolition of the school building to happen concurrent to the performance of the Dig and Haul on the school side of the site. While the demolition of the school is not expected to result in significant soil excavation, any soil that might be excavated to facilitate demolition of the building foundations will be moved to the former dump.

Please let me know if I have missed or misinterpreted any points from our discussion at the meeting.

Thanks for your assistance with this project.

-Tim

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