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Subject: RE: PLEASE HELP ~ Newport Rogers High School Waste Pile, Testing & Dust Control,
Date: Monday, April 17, 2023 12:50:00 PM
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Hi Marie,

If I correctly understand your question, the results you're looking for are in one of the attachments I sent. The stockpile tests were done only on soil from the excavation and therefore is the same soil.

Additionally, the Department does not have specific requirements for how the analytical results are to be submitted. Typically the environmental consultant will make a data table for our convenience but we get a copy of the original analytics from the laboratory along with the organized data in a table.

I was notified that you had called earlier today but please note that I have training all day with limited access to my email and phone. Tim is cc'd on this email and can help with questions about the lab data and site activities.

Thank you,

Joanna



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Thanks so much Joanna!

There are no test results from the excavation done in 2023. Just the few recent stockpile tests. Do you have those?

Does the DEM request the test results tabulated by the 3rd party accredited lab, or only the recompiled/retyped results from Pare Engineering?

Thanks again,

Marie

On Fri, Apr 14, 2023 at 6:00 PM Pawlina, Joanna (DEM) <Joanna.Pawlina@dem.ri.gov> wrote:

Hi Maria,

I have attached both sampling results, one from last week and the other from last year. Please let me know if you aren't able to access them.

I'll forward these concerns to PARE and discuss with my team. I will also keep you updated on the efforts to stabilize the soil and control dust.

Thank you,

Joanna



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Subject: Re: PLEASE HELP ~ Newport Rogers High School Waste Pile, Testing & Dust Control,

Hi Joanna ~ Thanks for your reply.

Unfortunately, the sampling results email did not come through. Can you please send it again?

Also, I wrote for DEM help regarding the project since the pile is blowing unhealthy particulate matter into our neighborhood.

A condition the DEM can put a stop to & monitor. The pile is a mountain towering over houses & violates documented EPA excavation protocol in its current state, uncovered/not watered.

We currently can not open our windows & the particulate matter/dust is in our houses even with them shut.

Also, the school building group has been remiss on getting the requested information to us.

Again, your help is greatly appreciated,

Marie Knapp

On Fri, Apr 14, 2023 at 4:25 PM Pawlina, Joanna (DEM) <Joanna.Pawlina@dem.ri.gov> wrote:

Hi Maria,

I apologize for the late response as I was trying to address all of your concerns. I have just forwarded you an email from the consultant with the sampling results. If you did not receive it please let me know. As I mentioned in the email, if you'd like to contact Tim directly this is his contact information:

E-mail: TThies@parecorp.com

Phone #: (401) 334-4100 Ext.4137

He will be able to directly address what is taking place on the site. However feel free to contact me anyways, especially if you believe the consultants are not taking proper action.

Please let me know if you have any additional questions or concerns.

Thank you,

Joanna

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Subject: PLEASE HELP ~ Newport Rogers High School Waste Pile, Testing & Dust Control,

Hi Joanna:

Thank you for your time on the phone yesterday.

As mentioned, the purpose of my call was to represent my neighborhood & our health concerns due to a massive & unhealthy pile of material piled on the very edge of our neighborhood, behind Rogers High School in Newport, RI.

This pile is sending dust throughout the neighborhood & into our homes.

The release of organic & non-organic hazardous substances will only increase with the southerly winds & heat as the weather warms.

PLEASE HELP!

*EPA findings on particulate pollution & your health are real; linked to heart attacks, strokes, asthma & cancer.

As discussed on the phone yesterday, it would be great if the DEM could help protect our health & help us obtain the following:

- 1) All soil/material sample test results, dates tested & the name of the accredited 3rd-party lab.
- 2) While the pile remains in place, a permanent plan for the pile to be watered daily to contain the dust.
- 3) An answer to our question as to when the pile will be removed & is it going to be used on the school property.

We have asked these questions at a previous school construction meeting & have received no answers.

Thank you in advance for your help,

Marie Knapp & Rogers HS Neighbors
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