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**To:** [Marie Knapp](#)  
**Cc:** [Blauvelt, Ashley \(DEM\)](#); [Owens, Kelly \(DEM\)](#); [Tim Thies](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Roger High School, Newport RI Soil Sample Request for 2023 Excavation  
**Date:** Monday, May 15, 2023 12:47:00 PM  
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Hi Marie,

I've attached my response to your previous questions from May 10<sup>th</sup>. If there are any other questions you have please let me know. You can also contact Tim Thies from Pare who is the consultant that's directly involved with this project. His email is [TThies@parecorp.com](mailto:TThies@parecorp.com) and phone number is (401) 334-4100 Ext.4137.

Thank you,

Joanna



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Hi Pawlina:

Hope you are well.

If you are too busy, can you please put me in touch with someone who can help out?

Best,

Marie & Gary Knapp

On Tue, May 9, 2023 at 10:48 AM Marie Knapp <[mariesmithknapp@gmail.com](mailto:mariesmithknapp@gmail.com)> wrote:

Hi Pawlina:

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The test results received were Pare Engineering transcribed results for:

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1-31, 2-1, 2-2, 3-1 & 3-2-22.

-**Some stockpile tests dated 3-30-2023.**

Can we please have the test results from the third party laboratory?

Noted on your website under RIDEM "Dig and Haul" Policy Section 4, analytical data from a third party laboratory is required.

Received are only transcribed test results by Pare Engineering.

Having access to all the test results from the third-party laboratory vs. transcribed results from a company being compensated on the project seems appropriate.

Thanks so much!

As noted on the EPA website, fugitive dust/particulate matter is a human health concern.

The massive pile is several 100 ft. from our homes & is not being kept wet.

The dust is only going to increase with the southerly winds, blowing north toward our homes. The hot summer sun will soon be heating up the pile as well.

EPA guidelines mention methods & meters to monitor particulate matter & vapor from contaminated soil. Does the RIDEM require any of these methods to protect human health?

During recent meeting, when the neighbors asked whether the massive stockpile of soil & debris could be watered regularly to keep the pile moist & to reduce dust, the construction companies on this project refused.

No answers were given to the time frame of when the 2-story pile would be moved. Pare just commented during an April 17th meeting that the most toxic soil would remain on the track for the City of Newport to deal with.

Tim from Pare also mentioned waiting for results from soil samples taken from underneath where the new building is being constructed. We are not interested in samples from under a building, rather what has been excavated & left near our homes.

We would be grateful if someone from RIDEM could meet with the neighbors on our side of this project to determine what measures can be put in place to protect our health while the debris pile is higher than many of our rooftops & so close to our

homes.

Knowingly, excavating & moving a tremendous quantity of soil containing toxins from the RIDEM documented former O'Shea anti-aircraft artillery site to the border of our neighborhood is unhealthy for the community, the environment, the staff & school children on the school property.

Thank you in advance for your help, all the best,

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Hi Marie,

If I correctly understand your question, you're requesting the lab analytical report for the stockpiled soils that were collected on 3/30/2023, i.e., the material that has been excavated earlier this year. I have attached the 3rd party laboratory report for the samples collected from the stockpiles currently located on the track to this email. The lab report contains data for the samples collected on 3/30/2023 and was issued by New England Testing Laboratory (NETLAB) on April 13th.

The following is a sampling timeline with respect to the excavated material that is currently stockpiled on the track:

1. Pare conducted site sampling throughout the site through a Phase II Environmental Site Assessment in early 2022. This sampling included the soil that was planned to be excavated before any excavating was done and the data was sent to you on April 14th, 2023 as "Summary Data Tables and Site Plan".
2. In early 2023, the excavation began and the excavated soils were stockpiled on the former track & field. Samples were taken from the stockpiles of dirt on 3/30/2023. That was data in the summarized data table on April 14th, 2023 that I had previously sent as "Stockpile Characterization Table." The request corresponding analytical report from the lab is attached.
3. As required, Pare has been conducting confirmatory sampling of the bottom and sidewalls of the excavation. This data has not yet been provided to the Department as they still have a few more samples to collect, however from your email, I understand you're not interested in the data for this soil that will ultimately be covered by the new building. Please let me know if that is not that case.

Please let me know if there is any additional information that I can provide. I will reach out to the consultant about requiring additional dust control through regular watering and keep you updated.

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