

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

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Dear Sharon,

Personnel from the Superfund Section of the Division of Air and Hazardous Materials have received the Draft Site Inspection report for the Boliden Metech, Inc. site (WA No. 091JZZ and Proj. No. 9104-42-AWS) and have the following comments:

1. Page 3 Second Paragraph

The Division's files indicate that the building to the north side of the site was not used for metal cleaning but was where grinding and segregating occurred.

2. Page 7 First Paragraph

Please define or elaborate on what is meant by "complex matrices found onsite".

3. Page 8 First Paragraph and Page 17 First Paragraph

In the discussion of prior activities at the site, it was stated the Refine Met Intl. used the site for the same purposes. Refine Met Intl. conducted extensive recycling of white goods and various scrap metal. A discussion of these activities should be included in these sections.

4. Page 12 Second Paragraph

The last sentence states that Weston/ARCS could not determine whether catch basins exist onsite. Division personnel have conducted onsite investigations and indicate that catch basins do not exist on the site.

5. Page 15 Last Paragraph and Page 19 Second Paragraph

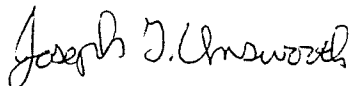
This section claims that the elevated metals detected in the tidal inlet is due to the surface water release from Boliden. A storm drain releases directly into this tidal inlet. A discussion of this storm drain should be included in the report. It also should be noted that a scrap metal company, Broomfield and Sons, is located directly across the street from Boliden. If the storm drain and the industry can not impact the tidal inlet then the contamination can be attributed to the site.

6. Page 17

There is no recommendation included in this section. Due to the lack of onsite data and information we recommend the site for continued investigation.

If you have any questions regarding this letter please call me.

Sincerely



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