PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN APPROVAL LETTER File No. SR-28-2076

March 13, 2024

Mr. Joseph Paolino, Jr. 1144 Eddy Street, LLC c/o Paolino Properties 100 Westminster Street Providence, RI 02903

RE: Former Federal Products Corp. 1144 Eddy Street Providence, Rhode Island

Plat Map 57 / Lot 291

Dear Mr. Paolino:

On April 22, 2020, the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management's (the Department) Office of Land Revitalization and Sustainable Materials Management (LRSMM) enacted the codified 250-RICR-140-30-1, <u>Rules and Regulations for the Investigation and Remediation of Hazardous Material Releases</u> (the <u>Remediation Regulations</u>). The purpose of these regulations is to create an integrated program requiring reporting, investigation, and remediation of contaminated sites in order to eliminate and/or control threats to human health and the environment in a timely and cost-effective manner.

In the matter of the above-referenced property (the Site), the Department's Office of LRSMM is in receipt of the following documentation submitted pursuant to the <u>Remediation Regulations</u> in response to the June 7, 2023 request from the community for the development of a Public Involvement Plan (PIP) and the Department's June 23, 2023 Public Involvement Plan Process Initiation Letter:

- 1. <u>Response to PIP Initiation Letter</u>, received by the Department on June 26, 2023, and prepared by Paolino Properties;
- 2. <u>Draft Public Involvement Plan (PIP)</u>, received by the Department on August 16, 2023, and prepared by SAGE Environmental, Inc. (SAGE); and
- 3. <u>PIP Public Meeting Summary Report</u>, received by the Department on October 25, 2023, and prepared by SAGE.

No written public comments were received by the Department subsequent to the public meeting held on October 4, 2023. The Department has reviewed the PIP Public Meeting Summary Report

and requests that the Department contact in the PIP be updated to the undersigned. Otherwise, the Department concurs with the Draft Public Involvement Plan as submitted on August 16, 2023.

This Letter continues to place primary responsibility for the investigation, construction, operation, maintenance, monitoring, and all other jurisdictional remedial activities subject to the <u>Remediation Regulations</u> on 1144 Eddy Street, LLC. As the Responsible Party and Performing Party, 1144 Eddy Street, LLC is expected to implement those activities in an expeditious and professional manner that prevents non-compliance with the <u>Remediation Regulations</u> and is protective of human health and the environment.

This Public Involvement Plan Approval Letter does not remove your obligation to obtain any other necessary permits from other local, State, or Federal agencies.

If you have any questions regarding this letter or would like the opportunity to meet with Department personnel, please contact me by telephone at (401) 537-4309, or by E-mail at ashley.blauvelt@dem.ri.gov.

Sincerely,

Ashley L. Blauvelt, P.E.

Environmental Engineer IV

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