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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

OFFICE OF LAND REVITALIZATION & SUSTAINABLE MATERIALS MANAGEMENT

235 Promenade Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02908

REQUEST FOR COMMUNITY MEETING File No. SR-10-2243

April 10, 2026

Heather Andrade
Keep Metacomet Green

RE: Metacomet Redevelopment Project
500 Veterans Memorial Parkway
East Providence, Rhode Island
Map 107 / Plat 15 / Lot 01

Dear Ms. Andrade:

This letter serves as the response from the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management's (the Department) Office of Land Revitalization and Sustainable Materials Management (LRSMM) to your April 6, 2026, email requesting a community meeting be scheduled regarding the above-referenced site. The Department can only mandate a community meeting if one is required under the Rules and Regulations for the Investigation and Remediation of Hazardous Material Releases (the Remediation Regulations; 250-RICR-140-30-1).

Section 1.8.7(C) of the Remediation Regulations provides: “a community meeting will be held whenever requested by twenty-five (25) persons, or by a governmental subdivision or agency, or by an association having not less than twenty-five (25) members, who are either located near a Contaminated-Site or are potential users of the Contaminated-Site after redevelopment.” Your April 6, 2026 email did not include 25 signatures of interested parties located near the site that is required to trigger the community meeting requirement under the Remediation Regulations. Unless you submit such signatures by April 28, 2026, the Department will not mandate a community meeting.

Please also be advised that even if the community meeting requirement is triggered, the scope of the meeting required under the Remediation Regulations is much more limited than all the issues you raise in your email. The Remediation Regulations specify that the purpose of the community meeting is to “disseminate information about the Department’s Site Remediation program and specific Contaminated-Site of interest; document community comments and concerns about the investigation, clean-up, and reuse of the Contaminated-Site; and engage in a dialogue with the public about the Contaminated-Site.”

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me by telephone at (401) 537-4342, or by E-mail at hannah.mitchell@dem.ri.gov.

Sincerely,

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