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BY ELECTRONIC AND REGULAR
MAIL

Ms. Susan Forcier, Esq.
R.I. Department of Environmental
Management
235 Promenade Street
Providence, RI 02908

Dear Ms. Forcier:

I have been monitoring documents placed on DEM's Internet document repository for the Springfield Street Schools Site (Site). I recently noticed a November 1, 2010 letter from Donna Pallister to Jeffrey Crawford requesting that groundwater monitoring be discontinued at the Site as three of the five groundwater monitoring wells are damaged and can no longer be sampled.

On behalf of my clients in the Hartford Park Tenants litigation I object to this request, and wish to point out the following:

1. Any request to modify the remedy at the Site is subject to public notice and a 30 day comment period pursuant to paragraph 1(D)(i) of the Agreement for Resolution of Claims.
2. Two of the three inoperative groundwater monitoring wells have been out of commission for over 2 years, in violation of the Order of Approval, which requires the City to maintain the groundwater wells as well as to take samples from them.
3. VOCs have been detected both in groundwater and in soil gas at the Site; and while there have not been exceedences, the presence of these harmful substances should continue to be monitored to insure the safety of students and school workers.

I request that DEM deny Ms. Pallister's request and order the City of Providence to repair the damaged monitoring wells forthwith. Further, I request to be copied on any correspondence to either Ms. Pallister or representatives of the City of Providence relating to this issue. Should DEM conduct a public comment period on Ms. Pallister's request, my clients reserve their rights to submit additional comments on that request. Also, please arrange to have a copy of this letter posted on DEM's Internet document repository for the Site.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Fischbach", written in a cursive style.

Steven Fischbach
Community Lawyer / Unit Head

CC: Terence Tierney, Esq.
Jeffrey Crawford