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PROGRAM LETTER

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March 21, 2012

RE: Trestle Trail Bike Path
Trestle Trail Right-of-Way
Coventry, Rhode Island
RIDEM Case No. 2010-019

Dear Mr. Dias:

On November 9, 2011, the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (the Department) amended the Rules and Regulations for the Investigation and Remediation of Hazardous Material Releases, (the Remediation Regulations). 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 an efficient manner. The purpose of a Program Letter is to indicate that the Department deems the investigation of the reported release complete and to notify the Responsible Party that they must perform Public Notice in accordance with Sections 7.07 and 7.09 of the Remediation Regulations.

The Department has reviewed the following documents relative to the above referenced property:

1. Report entitled: Limited Subsurface Soil and Groundwater Investigation, dated December 2008, prepared and submitted by Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. (VHB);
2. Correspondence entitled: Hazardous Material Release Notification Form, dated May 5, 2010, prepared and submitted by the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management – Office of Planning and Development;
3. Correspondence entitled: Property Abutter Notification Regarding the Trestle Trail Recreational Path, dated June 21, 2011, prepared and submitted by VHB;

4. Correspondence entitled: Response to Public Comments, dated August 18, 2011, prepared and submitted by VHB;
5. Report entitled: Site Investigation Report Addendum, dated January 24, 2012, prepared and submitted by VHB;
6. Report entitled: Response to Site Investigation Report Addendum Comments, dated March 2, 2012, prepared and submitted by VHB; and
7. E-mail correspondence entitled: RE: ESS Report 1112243, dated March 7, 2012, prepared and submitted electronically by ESS Laboratory.

The Department regards the information provided in these reports as meeting the requirements pursuant to Rule 7.08 of the Remediation Regulations. The preferred remedial alternative proposes the following remedy:

- Limited excavation of contaminated soils exceeding the Department's Residential Direct Exposure Criteria (RDEC) in future delineated source areas with offsite disposal at a licensed disposal facility in accordance with all local, State, and Federal laws.
- The encapsulation of remaining soils exceeding the Department's RDEC with a Department approved engineered cap.
- The maintenance and monitoring of the engineered controls through the recording of an institutional control in the form of a Department approved Environmental Land Usage Restriction (ELUR) and Soil Management Plan (SMP), followed by annual compliance certification of the ELUR.

The Department acknowledges that the site investigation activities are complete. The Department is not yet able to formally approve the SIR, however, due to the necessity to first receive public comments.

Rules 7.07 and 7.09 of the Remediation Regulations outline the requirements for public notice to property abutters, utilities with easements, and the Town of Coventry regarding the substantive findings of the completed investigation and the opportunity for public review and comment on the technical feasibility of the preferred remedial alternative. Please submit a draft notification to the Department via e-mail for review and approval prior to distribution. The Department will require a copy of the approved Public Notice letter and a list of all recipients.

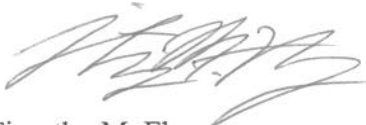
Furthermore, this development proposal required a public meeting in accordance with **Rhode Island General Law 23-19.14-5 Environmental equity and public participation** since this proposal constitutes reuse as a recreational facility. This public meeting was held at 6:00 PM on July 12, 2011 at the Coventry Community Center to fulfill the abovementioned public participation requirements.

The Department will formally approve the SIR in the form of a revised Remedial Decision Letter upon Department approval of all final responses to relevant public comments received. At that point, the Department will require submission of a Remedial Action Work Plan for review and approval.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me by telephone at (401) 222-2797 ext. 7147 or by e-mail at tim.fleury@dem.ri.gov.

Sincerely,

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