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Alan Sepe, Director
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RE: Phone conversation 4/12/99 (10:15am) concerning the Elementary and Middle Schools on Springfield Street in Providence (Case #99-018).

Dear Mr. Sepe:

As a follow-up to our phone conversation yesterday and your inquiry to the Office of Waste Management (OWM) on behalf of the City of Providence to start work at the Springfield Street Schools site, this letter should clarify my position. As I stated to you, the OWM cannot approve any remedial action or construction activity at this site until the OWM has reviewed the entire Remedial Action Work Plan, which technically describes the design plans for site and the corresponding gas collection system, and until an opportunity for public comment has been afforded the surrounding community (as required by State Law). Once the Department and the Performing Party (the City Of Providence) have considered the substantive public comments and concerns, the OWM may approve the remediation/site development as is or require modifications to assure that the remedial action is still considered appropriate and protective.

If it is the City of Providence's intentions to proceed with the construction activities at the site prior to the Department's approval or prior to a public meeting, the City of Providence would be doing so at their own risk and may be subjected to further enforcement pursuant to State Law and as was previously specified in the Immediate Compliance Order which was issued on March 19, 1999.

This Office has done everything to date to help the City of Providence expedite this process. However, until plans and specifications detailing the project have been reviewed and a public notice and comment period conducted, this Office again cannot grant remedial approval.

Should you have any questions, please call me at (401) 222-2797 x 7139.

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Sincerely,



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Supervising Engineer
Office of Waste Management

- cc: Terrence Gray, Chief OWM
- Jeff Crawford, Principal Environmental Scientist OWM
- Leo Hellested, Supervising Engineer OWM Solid Waste
- Claude Cote, Deputy Chief of Legal Services

Springfield Street letter /jc