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Mr. Joseph T. Martella II, Senior Engineer
Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management
Division of Site Remediation
291 Promenade Street
Providence, Rhode Island 02908-5787

Re: Waites Wharf, Newport, Rhode Island

Dear Mr. Martella:

As previously discussed, SAI Consulting Company (SAI) has been involved in the permitting of the Waites Wharf Property in Newport, Rhode Island since October 1987. During this elapsed period, SAI has sampled the soil and groundwater on the property and in the riparian area for hotel and marina development for the previous owner; and for UST removals and closure in place for the present owner. SAI has also completed similar work on the Tallman and Mack site which abuts the subject property to the north; the Newport Electric Company site, two (2) properties to the north; Coddington Condominium the abutting property to the south; and Lees Wharf and Manchester Wharf, both of which are located on Thames Street to the north. It should be noted that all of these sites are filled property and that the groundwater layer sampled by SAI is influenced by tidal flow from Newport Harbor.

SAI believes to the best of our knowledge, that the Waites Wharf property is typical of the properties SAI has investigated along the Newport waterfront, and that there are not on-site conditions which will result in the degradation of Newport Harbor or the groundwater located under the subject property, as determined by currently recognized standards used for the Newport waterfront.

We look forward to the approval of the site from information requested and presented in the previous two (2) months. Please call me if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,
SAI CONSULTING COMPANY

Barbara A. Szepatowski
President
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