STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

IN RE: Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management, Divisions of Air and Hazardous Materials, Water Resources; Department of Transportaion, Division of Airports Closure Plan, Truck Away Landfill, T. F. Green State Airport

DECLARATORY RULING

After a thorough review of the City of Warwick's Memorandum In Support Of Its Petition For Declaratory Rulings And Request For Contested Hearings, I am still of the firm opinion that many factual issues have been raised which must be determined prior to a declaratory judgement ruling.

The Administrative Adjudication Division ("AAD") is empowered to hear all adjudicatory hearings involving the Department of Environmental Management pursuant to Chapter 17.6 of Title 42 of the Rhode Island General Laws. hearing officers are charged with proposing written findings of fact and conclusions of law based on the evidence presented during the course of a hearing. RIGL § 42-17.7-6. The AAD is the proper forum for an evidentiary hearing, therefore, the issues raised in your petition may be properly heard by the hearing officer assigned to this matter. Formal consolidation of the within petition and contested hearing request is not required.

LOUISE DURFEE

Director, State of Rhode Island

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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that I caused a true copy of the within to be forwarded to Attorney Frank J. Cenerini,
Assistant City Solicitor, 3275 Post Road, Warwick, RI 02886, regular mail, postage prepaid and to Attorney Sidney
Clifford, Rhode Island Department of Transportation, 2
Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908' Claude A. Cote, Esquire,
RI Department of Environmental Management, 9 Hayes Street,
Providence, RI 02908; and Kathleen M. Lanphear, Esquire,
Chief Hearing Officer, Department of Environmental
Management, Administrative Adjudication Division, One Capitol
Hill, Providence, RI 02908 via interoffice mail this 23124
day of July, 1991.

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