

Adelaide Avenue Environmental Justice Coalition

May 6, 2007

Mr. Alan Sepe
Acting Director
Department of Public Buildings
City Hall
25 Dorrance Street
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

**Re: Textron/Gorham Property-Missing Waste Manifests
Requesting Documents-Freedom of Information Act**

Dear Mr. Sepe:

Through the State Freedom of Information Act, we, Adelaide Avenue Environmental Justice Coalition, are formally requesting the documents and information listed below:

- On September 9, 1997 Alan Sepe certified and submitted three (3) *Asbestos Abatement Plans* for the former Gorham manufacturing Facility. These abatement plans were written by Al Oliveira, working at the time for ATC Environmental Inc. They were hired and contracted by Acting Director Sepe. The three plans submitted to the Rhode Island Health Department are listed as follows
 - Asbestos abatement plan no. 970300
 - Asbestos abatement plan no. 970301
 - Asbestos abatement plan no. 970302
- These plans were approved by the R.I. Department of Health on September 23, 1997.
- The contractor listed on Mr. Sepe's applications for performing the work was Ocean State Building, Wrecking, & Asbestos Removal Inc. 1730 Pippin Orchard Road, Cranston R.I. 02901.
- By both Federal and State laws and regulations, Mr. Sepe as signatorie on all three plans is solely responsible for the filing of all waste manifests generated by the abovementioned project. These records were to be filed with the R. I. Department of Health upon completion of the removal and shipping of the large quantity of asbestos material. Given the scope of this project, according to both the EPA and the R. I. Department of Health, there should be a significant file on record of the

final waste manifests generated indicating the final disposition of all regulated material.

- After an exhaustive review, the Rhode Island Department of Health has been unable to locate any record or indication that Mr. Sepe filed these waste manifests with them during the appropriate time frame.
- The contractors and consultants hired by Mr. Sepe for the Gorham Manufacturing asbestos abatement program have been unresponsive in furnishing any information or details. They all have stated or implied that Mr. Sepe, as Acting Director of the Department of Public Buildings was responsible for recording the waste manifests with the Department of Health; if in fact they existed.

Our request is for copies of the waste manifests identified above and all correspondence between Mr. Sepe, or his staff, and the designated contractors; between June 1997 and December 1998. Again, Mr. Alan Sepe was singularly responsible for filing these manifests. According to the Attorney General, Mr. Sepe has ten (10) days to complete our request.

Sincerely,

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