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Subject: Response to DEM Letter dated 5 October 2006
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Brian:

EA has reviewed your letter dated 5 October 2006, addressed to Sara Rapport, Esq., on behalf of the City of Providence, regarding the proposed alternative access route to the "slag-removal" area at the Former Gorham Manufacturing Facility. In your letter, you suggest that the City research potential applicability of the Department's Freshwater Wetland Regulations to the activities associated with creating the alternate access route.

On 17 October 2006, I spoke with the Department's Mr. Charles A. Horbert (Permitting Supervisor, Office of Water Resources, Freshwater Wetlands Program) regarding this issue. I explained the nature of the activities associated with the work, and the location of the work relative to the pond, the existing wetlands, the wetland buffer area, and the slag/soil excavation area. I also explained the historical and ongoing regulatory involvement/oversight of the Department's Office of Waste Management associated with the slag removal issue and the entire site in general. Based upon the discussion, Mr. Horbert indicated that involvement by the Freshwater Wetlands Program is not necessary. Per the request of Mr. Horbert, EA has summarized our discussion in this email and has included him on the distribution list.

At this time, EA would also like to proactively address one additional issue associated with creating the alternative access route to the "slag-removal" area that was raised by Robert Dorr in his letter to EA dated 6 October 2006. In his letter, Mr. Dorr states that 2 underground storage tanks (USTs) are located behind the existing Stop & Shop on a portion of the former Gorham Manufacturing Facility. Historical mapping of the Gorham site places these USTs behind the historical Gorham building labeled "Building N," located well over 100-ft. east-northeast of the area where the alternative access route is proposed to be constructed. To the best of EA's knowledge, these tanks were investigated and removed in accordance RIDEM UST regulations in 1995. Based upon the above information, this historical UST issue has no impact upon the proposed alternative access route.

In conclusion, on behalf of the City, we trust that this email satisfies the outstanding concerns relative to the proposed alternative access route. With respect to scheduling, the City intends to direct it's subcontractor to begin work on this important issue at their earliest opportunity to ensure that Textron maintains full access to the slag removal area as the school site development and remediation continues.

To facilitate access by all interested stakeholders, including Mr. Dorr, and in accordance with the protocols established for this project, we respectfully request that RIDEM post a copy of this email on the RIDEM Gorham project website, and I will ensure that a copy is delivered to the project repository established on behalf of the community at Knight Memorial Library.

Thank you, and please contact me if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

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