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RE: Textron Remediation responsibilities- (former) Gorham Textron Dumps Site 333
Adelaide Avenue, Parcel D, the So-Called Park Parcel.

Dear Mr. Wagner,

This letter is written on behalf of community members who attended the December 4, 2006 community meeting on the remediation of the Gorham/ Textron Dumps Site. The community respectfully requests clarification of the RI DEM's position on statements made by Mr. Jameson Schiff of Textron in reference to Textron's responsibility to remediate the Adelaide Avenue site.

At this meeting, Mr. Schiff asserted that Textron did not "have to" remove the slag pile, and seemed to assert that Textron did so out of magnanimity toward the community. It was our understanding that as hazardous waste, slag cannot remain in the ground but rather must be removed from a site on discovery and sent to a licensed processor. Please comment on Textron's obligation by agreement or under the law to remove any further hazardous materials that might be located on the Gorham/Textron Site.

In addition, please comment on Textron's obligation by agreement or under the law to remediate the entire 37.7 acres of the Gorham site to the DEM's industrial/ commercial standard. To date, it has been our understanding that Textron has agreed to remediate the entire site to the industrial/commercial standard and that the City or other developers would complete additional remediation to the Residential standard for the school and other multi-use facilities.

We have also understood that such agreements are administrative tools for responsible parties to essentially divvy up the workload, and do not obviate the necessity under State and Federal regulations for the responsible parties to remediate Superfund sites. I.E. no responsible party can claim that they are "finished" until a site is fully remediated. Please comment on RIDEM's position on this issue.

It has been our understanding that Textron's remediation is incomplete and multiple elements across the site remain un-remediated to the industrial/commercial standard. A listing of those elements of the Textron remediation still considered incomplete by the RIDEM would be appreciated by the community.

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Mr. Schiff stated several times that per Textron's agreement with the City, Textron is not responsible for the remediation of the Gorham/Textron site. Mr. Schiff would not specify the agreement referenced, however we would certainly appreciate it if the DEM can provide the community with a copy of this agreement, and comment on Mr. Schiff's assertion. The community will also request a copy of this agreement from Mr. Schiff and the City of Providence.

If the DEM would prefer to post a response to this letter to the electronic document repository, that is acceptable to the community. Thank you in advance for your assistance in explaining these issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Silvia Aldredge".

Silvia Aldredge for:

The Coalition of Concerned Citizens of the Reservoir Triangle and South Providence

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