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Mr. Jeffrey Crawford
Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management
Office of Waste Management
235 Promenade Street
Providence, RI 02908-5767

Subject: Springfield Street School Complex, 50 Springfield Street, Providence, RI

Dear Mr. Crawford:

As we have discussed, and as you observed during your recent site visit, some settling has occurred at this Site, particularly around the Middle School Building. The middle school building was constructed on pilings which support the building, so the building itself has not been affected by settling. We have not observed any evidence of cracks or defects inside either building.

During construction, a large quantity of fill was placed under and around both buildings. The buildings were constructed in 1999, and it is not unusual for some settling to occur after placement of large amounts of fill. Most of the settling has resulted in cosmetic issues that do not actually affect the integrity of the cap at the Site. None of the settling or erosion observed at the Site has resulted in exposure of the orange indicator barrier, which would indicate that the cap has been breached.

An attempt was made to patch deteriorated asphalt around the storm drain in the courtyard at the middle school, but the asphalt patch material was not adequate. A full repair will likely require reconstruction of the storm drain.

Because the storm drain repair and some of the other repairs discussed will require a significant effort, and possible additional disruption to the school grounds, we propose to complete the repair of the storm drain and the other repairs listed below during the summer when school is not in session. The following repairs will be performed by September 1, 2006:

- Repair broken asphalt around the storm drain in courtyard of the middle school
- Regrade and reseed the depression on the west side of the middle school near the transformer
- Patch or fill depressions along the ramp on the west side of the middle school behind the gym
- Reseed the hill behind the elementary school.

With this letter we are requesting an extension of the time period for completing repairs specified in the Order of Approval. We believe the extension is justified because the cap has not been breached, and there is no exposure to underlying original soil for users of the property. The extent of repairs required in these areas may require the use of backhoes and dump trucks, and performance of this work during school may be disruptive to education in the building. In addition, some of these repairs can not be performed properly until the soil thaws and dries out.

We will continue to perform quarterly inspections of these areas and repairs will be performed sooner if the orange barrier is exposed or there is other evidence that there is a risk of the cap being breached.

Please call me if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Donna H. Pallister'.

Donna H. Pallister, P.E.
Senior Engineer

CC: S. Tremblay, Providence School Department
A. Sepe, City of Providence