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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:

We are submitting this letter in response to your e-mail of August 31 to Alan Sepe and Stephen Tremblay regarding the Springfield Street School. The e-mail requests a plan to repair deficiencies identified by Mr. Stephen Fishbach in the Spring of 2006. The deficiencies referred to are believed to be the areas where settling has damaged concrete or asphalt at the Site, which were pointed out by Mr. Fishbach.

The cap for the Site, which was described in the Remedial Action Work Plan (RAWP) and approved in the Order of Approval (6/4/1999), was a minimum of 24 inches of clean soil. The RAWP and the Order of Approval had provisions for some areas of the Site to be capped with less than 24 inches of soil if they were capped with an alternate cap of gravel subbase, geotextile layer, and asphalt or concrete. The areas around the elementary school and middle school were covered with well over 24 inches of clean fill prior to installation of asphalt and concrete pavement. Therefore, the clean fill acts as the cap, in accordance with the RAWP and the Order of Approval. The asphalt and concrete were not installed as part of the cap, since the capping requirements were already fulfilled by the soil cap, and the provisions for an alternate lesser quantity of soil fill was not utilized. Therefore, the issues identified regarding the asphalt and concrete areas do not appear to be deficiencies in the cap. However, the City plans to fix the drain in the courtyard and will complete this before the next school year.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Donna H. Pallister'.

Donna H. Pallister, P.E.
Senior Engineer

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