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Dear:

The Department of Environmental Management is committed to improving its performance on an ongoing basis. As an agency charged with protecting the environment and public health, we believe we should always be looking for ways to be more effective as well as efficient. As a government agency, we also believe that accountability is key to our ability to obtain public support for, and participation in, our programs.

In this spirit, the Department is engaged in a series of program evaluations, with a specific emphasis on streamlining of permitting processes. We have used the task force approach to bring Department staff, the regulated community and other interested parties together to identify streamlining goals and strategies. I invite you to participate on the fourth such task force, which will focus on the State's Air Pollution Control Permitting Program. This new Task Force will discuss to what extent statutory, regulatory, policy or administrative changes are necessary to streamline the regulatory process without compromising our environmental mandate. This Task Force will focus on the pre-construction permit program. We would like to explore ways to streamline these permits especially using general permits for some categories such as emergency generators and temporary installations of sources of air pollution.

The first Task Force meeting will take place on November 30, 2001, from 1:30 –3:00 PM in conference room A on the fourth floor of our office at 235 Promenade Street in Providence. At this meeting, participants will essentially generate the agenda for future meetings by identifying concerns and priorities.

Please let Tom Getz know whether you will be able to participate, by calling (401) 222-4700, extension 2417 or emailing tgetz@dem.state.ri.us.

Sincerely,

Jan Reitsma, Director
Department of Environmental
Management

Potential Participants:

Kate Strause – RIPERG

Molly Clark / Art Handy (Back-up)– RI Lung Assn.

Glenn Armquist or Laurel Carlson –Environmental Science Services

Ron Schroeder – Quonset Environmental Associates

Rich Hittinger –Alliance Environmental Group

Mike North / John Hartley – GZA

Paul Daggett – RI Association of Environmental Managers / Daggett Environmental Consulting

Mia DeCelles – Clariant Corp.

Debbie Guyer – Stanley Fastening Systems

Rich Austin – Wyeth BioPharma

Trish Yedele – RI AGO

Greg Benik / Robin Main

Harold Ward – Brown U.

Vincent Rose -URI

Terry Gray

Steve Majkut

Doug McVay

Claude Cote RIRRC is also interested in participating