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Re: Alternative route to park parcel

Dear Peter Grivers:

I want to thank you for following up on the issue of premature backfilling at the slag pile. When we spoke of the issue on September 14, 2006 it was unclear to the community who would be responsible for site restoration at the slag pile.

I believe RIDEM and Textron have reached an arrangement to have Textron return to the pile and remove that fill which was placed prior to completing confirmatory testing. Textron began backfilling the site prior to July 11, 2006, when Joe Martella and Richard Enander of RIDEM arrived to inspect the continuing removal of exceedences. It is now clear that no confirmatory testing was done in a significant portion of the excavation that had been backfilled prior to July 11, 2006.

I understand from the city's response to the RIDEM's concerns about access that you will engineer a new entrance to the slag pile from Parcel A. I am assuming that access ramp would be constructed somewhere between Parcel B's property line and the back corner of the abandoned Stop & Shop. You should be advised that there are two fifteen thousand gallon solvent tanks (30 feet long and eight feet in diameter) underground at that location. Both tanks were used to distribute Naphthalene thru out the site as a solvent. The tanks were filled with the solvent through a two-inch underground feed line from the railroad spur. Tanker cars would be backed onto the spur and their volatile cargo of naphthalene would be unloaded. These tanks were an integral part of Gorham's manufacturing process.

ABB engineering, Textron's previous environmental consultant, inspected the tanks in May of 1995. Amazingly they identified them as water tanks and determined that they were out of the jurisdiction of the RIDEM. Interestingly nothing has been spoken of the tanks since then and they were never removed. The community has presented overwhelming evidence that both tanks were used for the purpose of storing Naphthalene. It is clear that these tanks will have to be removed and the area sufficiently tested for any additional contamination. The tanks are located on parcel D and therefore will be part of the park parcel remediation. Through the consent order in place for the site, the

remediation of parcel D will be the city's responsibility. To date Textron has been performing this remediation and investigation.

It may be ill advised to create an alternative route to the park parcel and former slag area without first removing the solvent tanks. Heavy equipment traversing this area may crush the tanks, thus undermining the hillside along that portion of the historical landfill, and risking additional contamination. Additionally, this portion of Parcel D has been found to have very high levels of Dioxin. The community does not believe that the portion of the industrial landfill that abuts Parcel A has been thoroughly investigated.

The community continues to look forward to the opportunity to be a stakeholder in this most sensitive and important process. It is now clear that neither the slag pile nor the underground solvent tanks would have been addressed without the participation of the Reservoir Triangle community and all of South Providence. Thank you again for your thorough response to the issue of Textron prematurely backfilling the slag pile.

Best regards,



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Acting on behalf of the entire community

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