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Re: Walton & Lonsbury, Human Exposures Environmental Indicator

Dear Ms. Pinaud,

EPA is in receipt of your letter dated October 8, 2010 recommending that EPA retracts its Current Human Exposures Under Control Environmental Indicator (EI) criteria. As you summarize in your letter, recent environmental sampling indicates the potential for human exposures to volatile organic compounds via indoor air from a groundwater contaminant plume that emanates from the former Walton & Lonsbury facility.

In addition, in Summer 2010 EPA's Emergency Response and Removal Branch conducted an assessment of the Walton & Lonsbury property and surrounding areas and determined that a time-critical removal action was necessary to address environmental hazards posed by the facility. EPA has since begun activities to address these issues. EPA's efforts have been taken as a direct result of MassDEP's referral of the site to EPA, and we appreciate your continued assistance on this project.

As a result of the information that has come to light recently, EPA concurs with the recommendation to retract the Human Exposures EI Criteria. The status of the criteria has been changed in RCRA Info (EPA's national RCRA database). The EI checklist will remain posted on EPA's website as it contains important historical information, but it will be made clear that it has been superseded by more recent information.

If you have any questions regarding this retraction, please don't hesitate to contact Frank Battaglia of my staff at 617-918-1362. If you have additional questions regarding EPA's on-going removal action, please contact EPA's Federal On-Scene Coordinator, Elise Jakabházy at 617-918-1228.

Sincerely,

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