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Dear Dr. Charters:

I am writing to respectfully request your assistance in reviewing a recent Draft Baseline Ecological Risk Assessment (BERA) for the Centredale Manor Restoration Superfund Project Site located in North Providence, RI. Your valuable expertise in program management, particularly the Superfund program, and ecological risk assessment issues would greatly improve the BERA.

The Centredale Manor Site is associated with dioxin contaminated soil, sediment, surface water and biota in the Woonasquatucket River as well as other hazardous substances. We are seeking your review and reviews from other national EPA experts because the Site conceptual site model is complex, various studies in the BERA are also complex, the BERA identifies significant ecological risks, and the dioxin reassessment is presently underway. In particular, we are seeking your input on programmatic aspects of the draft BERA.

Volumes I and II of the BERA were shipped to you under Battelle coverletter dated August 29, 2003, and receipt of it was confirmed through your staff. We hope to receive your comments some time by the middle of October 2003 to keep our project on schedule. If you have any questions during the review process, please feel free to contact our project ecological risk assessor Cornell Rosiu at 617-918-1345, who is coordinating this review. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Michael Jasinski
Chief, New Hampshire and Rhode Island Superfund Section



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Mark D. Sprenger
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Dear Dr. Sprenger:

I am writing to respectfully request your assistance in reviewing a recent Draft Baseline Ecological Risk Assessment (BERA) for the Centredale Manor Restoration Superfund Project Site located in North Providence, RI. Your valuable expertise in environmental toxicology, ecological risk assessment issues, and having been involved in early problem formulation and scoping the assessment would greatly improve the BERA.

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Michael Jasinski
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Philip M. Cook
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Dear Dr. Cook:

I am writing to respectfully request your assistance in reviewing a recent Draft Baseline Ecological Risk Assessment (BERA) for the Centredale Manor Restoration Superfund Project Site located in North Providence, RI. Your valuable expertise with dioxin and environmental toxicology and chemistry, risk assessment issues, early scoping of this assessment and designing and implementing the channel catfish early life stage investigation would greatly improve the BERA.

The Centredale Manor Site is associated with dioxin contaminated soil, sediment, surface water and biota in the Woonasquatucket River as well as other hazardous substances. We are seeking your review and reviews from other national EPA experts because the Site conceptual site model is complex, various studies in the BERA are also complex, the BERA identifies significant ecological risks, and the dioxin reassessment is presently underway. In particular, we are seeking your input on technical scientific aspects of the draft BERA, the report on channel catfish early life stage toxicity, and whether findings of the risk characterization are supported.

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Michael Jasinski
Chief, New Hampshire and Rhode Island Superfund Section