



**Centerdale Manor Restoration Super Fund Site**  
Nancy Mendes to: Anna Krasko

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From: Nancy Mendes [REDACTED]

To: Anna Krasko/R1/USEPA/US@EPA

Please respond to Nancy Mendes [REDACTED]

Dear Ms. Krasko,

I know I am not sending this in by the respond date, but at the last meeting someone said that we could still send in a message if we would like to; so I am.

I have lived in the town all my live, I am now [REDACTED] years old. I can remember the factories at the site blowing up and then the fire in 1972(?).

Looking over the historical material I cannot help but wonder why it took the government – all sectors – and environmental groups to address this very, very toxic area. These companies were in this area for about 44 years!! And how could anyone have allowed buildings to be constructed there? What about the workers who dug at the sites? I wonder how this may have affected their health.

I am very concerned, since I have contracted a rare skin condition; and some of the research is pointing to Dioxin as a possible cause for the disease.

Are their any reports on the health affects on people; past and present – that have contracted environmentally induced or unexplained illness/conditions/diseases?

I have walked those grounds of the site and one year I found barrels and reported it to DEM. I am a naturalist and environmentalist and have been involved with other state environmental situations. I can understand why the people living near the restoration areas are concerned. This is a very difficult and sad situation. I hope your agency stays on top of the "new" chemicals and mismanagement of our natural resources so another toxic situation is avoided.

I know something must be done and removal and revitalization of the area needs to happen. We need stop the release of toxins into our waterways, ground water and the ocean. I hope the project is a success.

Sincerely,  
Nancy Mendes