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VIA FACSIMILE

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Re: Centerdale Manor Superfund Site, North Providence, Rhode Island (the "Site")

Dear Catherine:

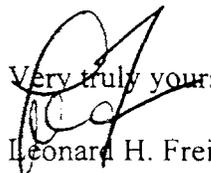
As you know, this firm represents Centerdale Manor Associates Limited Partnership ("Centerdale Manor") in connection with the above-captioned matter. Please consider this letter as Centerdale Manor's response to the EPA's September 15, 1999 Notice of Potential Liability correspondence to Centerdale Manor as well as your follow-up correspondence of October 1, 1999.

Centerdale Manor is willing to enter into settlement negotiations with the EPA regarding the financing of response activities at the Site. However, notwithstanding the foregoing, Centerdale Manor does not admit any liability to the EPA or to any other person or entity concerning the Site.

We look forward to hearing from you regarding the initiation of settlement discussions. We are prepared to move forward expeditiously.

Your continued courtesy to date has been appreciated by me as well as Paul Tryder of Centerdale Manor.

Very truly yours,


Leonard H. Freiman

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