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## VIA FACSIMILE AND REGULAR MAIL

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Region 1 - New England  
One Congress Street - Suite 1100 - Mail Code SES  
Boston, MA 02203

**RE: New England Container Co., Inc.  
Centredale Manor Superfund Site, North Providence,  
Rhode Island ("Site")**

Dear Ms. Garypie:

This is to advise you that New England Container Co., Inc. ("NEC") declines to perform or finance removal or response activities at the Site. While NEC occupied a small, discrete portion of the Site prior to the late 1960s for its barrel-cleaning operations, all the information we have reviewed, including the information in your files, does not indicate that NEC caused or contributed to the contamination at the Site. At this time we are unable to verify the information you forwarded relating to an anonymous phone call, and it is contrary to the other information we have obtained (and reported to the EPA).

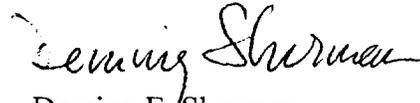
We think that the source of the contamination is Metro-Atlantic, Inc., in particular because dioxin is a byproduct of one of the chemicals manufactured on the Site by Metro-Atlantic, Inc. (hexachlorophene). We have no evidence that NEC handled any drums relating to chemicals used to manufacture hexachlorophene. We encourage the EPA to follow the liability of Metro-Atlantic, Inc. and notify its successor(s) of their potential liability. We are willing to cooperate with the EPA in this endeavor.

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I shall continue to serve as the contact for any future communications.

Sincerely,

  
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