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MEMORANDUM

City Planner

TO: Gerry Sotolongo, E.P.A.
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FROM: Robert B. Davis

DATE: January 10, 1984

RE: Undisclosed Disposal Area's, Informational Request

The following are two sites to put on the list of undisclosed disposal sites:

1. The empty lot across from the Goodyear plant area between Orchard and Bonney Streets, south of Katherine St.
2. The empty lots across from the New Bedford High School, west side of Hathaway Blvd.

The source of one of the above is a citizen notification. I must note, though, the role hearsay can play in the identifications of this type and the looseness of such. A preliminary evaluation should involve knowledgeable local officials. Thus when you visited the City Planner with the NUS representative, you mentioned dredged fill used as a foundation for the new high school. I would not take such serious without placing it in context. The seriousness of the place should then move you to put it in context. In respect to the site described, the question is not dredged material, but other sources. So check #2. It is too loose and even wild, based on those knowledgeable of its construction.

Could you please forward a list of the thirty (30?) undisclosed disposal sites?

I might note in the past when you released an early document (draft RAMP?) I called your office questioning the disclosure of the sites of the type mentioned above. Subsequently to that, upon the release of the final RAMP the identification was not disclosed. I want to thank you for your response.

My view is that either such should be evaluated by knowledgeable officials before release, and/or a surface level examination be made in the near future to detect levels. Then a decision can be made about disclosure. This would avoid unfounded hearsay as the norm.

I must also impress upon you again the necessity of accurate thresholds in order to assess the safety of soil levels. And this may mean not only the utilization of the R & D branch of the EPA, but the commissioning of research.*

You have to have some handle on this.

Lastly, I note a report on PCBs in Sullivan's Ledge done by your office. Could you please forward.

Historical Site Analysis, Municipal Landfill, Sullivan's Ledge, June, 1982, Tech. Report TS-PIC-2007.

Please also forward two more copies of the New Bedford Superfund Work Plan.

Thanks,

Robert B. Davis

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P.S. I must also make a note about the required document referred to in the Court Order, to be used as a Quality Control standard. The consultants interested in bidding on the testing mandated by the Court Order did not have it. You referred us, after my telephone call, to your library. They did not have it. They were securing it from NTIS. We decided to borrow from the library when your office receives it from NTIS.

cc: David Kennedy

* The recent health evaluation of the playground near Cornell Dubilier means criteria exist.