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DEM ANNOUNCES START OF CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES AIMED AT CAPPING FORMER ROSE HILL REGIONAL LANDFILL IN SOUTH KINGSTOWN

PROVIDENCE - The Department of Environmental Management announces that construction activities that will culminate with capping the Rose Hill Regional Landfill Superfund Site in South Kingstown are expected to begin during the week of May 23.

Construction activities will be split into two phases, with all construction due to be completed by 2007. Phase I activities will include clearing and grubbing, consolidating waste, maintaining soil and sediment erosion controls, demolishing an onsite building, installing fencing, reinstalling a washed out culvert at the Mitchell Brook, relocating a six-inch water line to the transfer station, restoring the transfer station road, and preparing the landfill cap. Phase II activities will include restoring the bulky waste area, removing and blending soil from the sewage sludge area, restoring the two impacted wetland areas adjacent to Mitchell Brook, installing the landfill gas collection system, and constructing the multi-layer cap. Phase II of the project is expected to begin next spring.

The design for the landfill cap and field activities associated with the design were completed in December of 2004, at half the estimated \$1.8 million originally projected. The Phase I contract, at \$3.6 million, was awarded in April to the low bidder, Loureiro Contractors Inc. (LCI), of Plainville, CT, a construction company with experience in Superfund clean-ups both in Rhode Island and throughout New England. The company has done work at the Davis Liquid Superfund site in Smithfield, as well as at the Centredale Manor restoration project Superfund site in North Providence.

The 70-acre Rose Hill Regional Landfill Superfund site is located in an abandoned sand and gravel quarry, which was used as a municipal landfill from 1967 to 1983. In addition to municipal solid waste, industrial wastes from local industries were disposed of at the site. Disposal of those wastes led to contamination of groundwater, surface water, and air in and around the site. The site was placed on the Environmental Protection Agency's Superfund National Priority List in 1989, and a Record of Decision outlining the proposed remedial action was signed in 1999. Under terms of a settlement agreement, South Kingstown and Narragansett, as well the state and federal government, are providing funds for site remediation.

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