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December 30, 2016

Mr. William P. Lovely, Chief
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Emergency Response and Removal Section II
5 Post Office Square, Suite 100
Boston, Massachusetts 02109

RE: FALL RIVER - BWSC
King Philip Mills
386 Kilburn Street
Release Tracking Number: 4-0026470
**Request for EPA Assistance/Removal
Action**

Dear Mr. Lovely:

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Waste Site Cleanup (MassDEP) respectfully requests the assistance of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) with a potential Threat of Release of transformer oil containing polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) located at 386 Kilburn Street in Fall River, Massachusetts (the Site). MassDEP is concerned that current site conditions may represent significant risk to the area receptors.

Over the last few years, MassDEP has been working with the EPA and the City of Fall River relative to oil and hazardous materials (OHM) that were abandoned on site by previous tenants, operators and owners. Many containers of OHM were removed by EPA under a Time-Critical Removal Action which was completed in November 2015.

In the summer of 2016, MassDEP engaged a contractor to further assist the City to remove fuel oil from two Above-ground Storage Tanks (ASTs). Additionally, MassDEP sampled several electrical transformers and related devices located within the on-site "Transformer House." Because some of the electrical equipment contained low concentrations of PCBs, MassDEP and the City of Fall River requested additional EPA assistance in order to perform additional sampling activities. That sampling has confirmed the presence of PCBs in transformers and other electrical equipment that remain at the site.

MassDEP is requesting that EPA perform a removal action and, if necessary, additional assessment, in an effort to remove significant risks to human health and the environment. With the presence of a potential Threat of Release, coupled with the proximity of residential properties and receptors, MassDEP feels the risks need to be adequately abated.

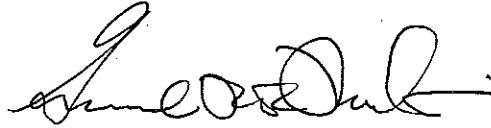
This information is available in alternate format. Contact Michelle Waters-Ekanem, Director of Diversity/Civil Rights at 617-292-5751.

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Thank you in advance for your consideration of this EPA removal request. MassDEP looks forward to the continued partnership with your office in addressing real and potential releases of hazardous materials to the environment. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Andrew L. Jones at the letterhead address or at (508) 946-2785.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gerard M.R. Martin".

Gerard M.R. Martin
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