



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION



November 1, 1983

The Honorable Michael J. Cubeta, Jr.
Mayor
Municipal Building
DeKoven Drive and Court Street
Middletown, Connecticut 06457

Dear Mayor Cubeta:

The results of sampling at the property owned by Mr. Marino at 50 Walnut Street were received by the staff in October and have been evaluated.

The initial interest in this parcel stems from a complaint brought to the attention of the Department by Leon Vinci of your Health Department. In this complaint, it was alleged that some dumping of chemicals had occurred toward the back of the building. Opinions differed as to the exact locations and volumes, however, the complainants agreed burial of chemicals did take place.

After inspecting each of the businesses operating on-site today, interviewing long time area employees/residents, researching historical aerial photographs and taking samples of material from the site an evaluation could be made. The key factors in that evaluation are as follows:

- oThe site has a long time history of having been used as as town dump. Wastes from many local industries, in addition to these from the on-site facility, were dumped there.
- oThe area in question consists almost entirely of artificially placed fill, the bulk of which seems to have been waste.
- oGroundwater classification of the area is entirely GB. (This signifies that the water is expected to be unfit for human consumption without treatment.)
- oThere are no known users of groundwater in the area.
- oAn oil terminal and sewage treatment plant are adjacent.
- oSampling data was comensurate with expectations in this GB area.

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Given this data (copies attached) it is the opinion of the staff that this area should be noted as a former municipal dump site, and any future development, excavation or disturbance of the site should be discussed in advance with both the local Director of Health and the Department of Environmental Protection.

There does not appear to be any need for further immediate action at this site other than the aesthetic value of removing the several empty containers from the bank and waterway at the rear of the property.

If you have any further questions regarding this matter, please contact Mr. ~~Patrick Bowe~~ *me* at 566-8843 or 566-8844.

Very truly yours,

Patrick Bowe
~~Stephen W. Hitchcock~~
~~Director~~

Hazardous Materials Management Unit

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Enclosures

cc: Mr. S. Marino
Mr. L. Vinci

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