

November 9, 2011

APPROVAL

David M. Share
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RE: 984 Winchester Avenue – Waste Fill Evaluation
Newhall Street Neighborhood Remediation Project
Hamden, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Share:

The Remediation Division of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (the Department) has reviewed the letter report from Olin Corporation (Olin) dated August 30, 2011, titled “Waste Fill Evaluation, 984 Winchester Avenue, Block P, Newhall Street Neighborhood Remediation Project, Hamden, Connecticut”. The letter report was submitted in conjunction with Consent Order SRD-128.

The letter report provides a summary of an additional subsurface investigation performed at 984 Winchester Avenue (the Property) in Hamden, located within the Newhall Street Neighborhood (the site). This additional subsurface investigation was performed by AMEC in July of 2011, on behalf of Olin, for the purpose of confirming or denying the presence of waste fill in soil on the property. A previous environmental investigation conducted on behalf of the Department reported the presence of debris - specifically concrete and ceramic pieces - in two shallow soil samples obtained from the property. Additionally, analysis of one soil sample obtained from a shallow depth reported the presence of lead and arsenic at slightly elevated concentrations. Based on the observations and analytical results of that investigation, the Department concluded that a shallow and isolated area of historically placed waste fill was present on the property. The property was subsequently identified in the Department’s October 2007 Remedy Selection Plan as having less than 4 feet of waste fill present, and remediation was proposed to remove the suspected area of shallow waste fill from the property.

Olin’s additional subsurface investigation identified the debris on the property and attributed its presence to broken pieces of a former driveway or sidewalk. No visible evidence of waste fill was found. Based on the findings of the additional investigation, Olin’s letter report concludes that historically deposited waste fill material is not present at the property, and Olin therefore requests that the property be removed from the list of properties to be remediated within the non-public area of the site.

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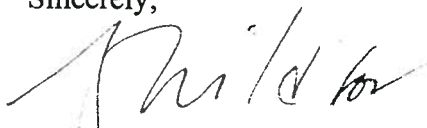
The above referenced letter report is hereby approved. The Department concurs that the information available, including environmental sampling, does not indicate that waste fill is present on the property. As such, soil remediation is no longer proposed for the property. The Department hereby removes the property from the list of non-public properties to be remediated within the site boundary.

Nothing in this approval shall affect the Commissioner's authority to institute any proceeding, or take any action to prevent or abate pollution, to recover costs and natural resource damages, and to impose penalties for violations of law. If at any time the Commissioner determines that the approved actions have not fully characterized the extent and degree of pollution or have not successfully abated or prevented pollution, the Commissioner may institute any proceeding, or take any action to require further investigation or further action to prevent or abate pollution. This approval relates only to pollution or contamination identified in the above referenced letter report.

In addition, nothing in this approval shall relieve any person of his or her obligations under applicable federal, state and local law.

If you have any questions pertaining to this approval, please contact Raymond Frigon, Jr. of my staff at (860) 424-3797.

Sincerely,



Patrick F. Bowe
Director
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