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Bill Warzecha
CT Dept of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Water Protection and Land Reuse, Remediation Division
79 Elm Street
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Re: Mukluk Preserve

Dear Bill,

I'm writing regarding a letter you received from the CT Department of Public Health (CTDPH) on June 11, 2009 and forwarded to the Town of Sprague.. The letter was in response to a review of the December 6, 2008 Remedial Action Plan Amendment submitted to your office by our Paul Burgess, P.E., LEP on behalf of the Town. It is my understanding that you and Paul Burgess subsequently spoke about the recommendations in the letter.

Based on the risk management options provided by CTDPH, the Town of Sprague will keep the contaminated area fenced with warning signs. The affected area has a well established vegetative cover, including leaf litter, which will be maintained as required.

The other CTDPH options included a) remediation of areas greater than 1000 parts per million lead followed by the placement of a 6 inch cap, or b) the placement of 4 feet of soil over the 14 acre impacted area. Neither of these options is technically feasible, and both are cost prohibitive. Since technical feasibility and reasonable cost were factors involved in our proposed cap alternative recommended in the Remedial Action Plan Amendment, these alternatives are unviable.

Regarding recommendation 4, remediation of the dirt road (walking path) through the impacted area was part of the original Brownfields cleanup workplan for the site, and was addressed via a warning layer and 6 inch soil cover as previously approved by CTDEP and USEPA .

Should funding become available in the future, the Town will coordinate with CTDEP regarding additional remediation. Thank you for your continued cooperation regarding this site.

Sincerely,

Catherine A. Osten
First Selectman

cc: Paul Burgess, LEP
Joseph Ferrari, EPA Project Officer