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Dear Mr. O'Brien:

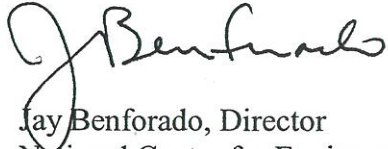
We would like to officially close out the record on the Lead Safe Boston XL Project. While we did not receive a final report addressing the results of this project, we understand that it achieved several of the goals set forth in the Final Project Agreement signed on August 29, 2000, including the issuance and distribution of policy memoranda addressing simplified management of lead-based paint waste and completion of 12 additional lead abatement projects in targeted neighborhoods. We would like to congratulate you and the project participants on the fulfillment of these commitments.

The project contributed to environmental gains by prompting the issuance of policy memoranda by both the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in July 31, 2000 and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) on May 4, 2001 and a Federal Register Notice on June 18, 2003 (Vol. 68, No. 117, pp.36487-36495) directing residential lead-based paint (LBP) waste generated as a result of lead abatement, renovation and remodeling activities in homes to be managed as non-hazardous waste. The decreased costs of testing and disposing of LBP in solid waste landfills have allowed more lead abatement projects to take place with the funds saved, thus preventing more children from being exposed to lead hazards.

As we close out the Lead Safe Boston XL Project, please advise us if there are any additional project materials that you feel should be incorporated into the official project files and made available on the EPA Project website. If you would like to view EPA's current project record please click on Lead Safe Boston after entering the following URL into your internet browser: <http://www.epa.gov/projectxl/complete.htm>.

In closing, we would like to thank you for your participation in Project XL. If you have any questions about this notice, please contact Sandra Panetta at 202-566-2184.

Sincerely,



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