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Re: Centredale Manor Restoration Project Superfund Site
North Providence, Rhode Island

Dear Mr. Muys:

Thank you for your October 19, 2006 package of comments on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Interim-Final Baseline Human Health Risk Assessment, Interim-Final Baseline Ecological Risk Assessment, Interim-Final Remedial Investigation Report, and Interim-Final Preliminary Remediation Goals Report issued for the Centredale Manor Restoration Project Superfund Site. We are still in the process of reviewing the package. However, at the outset, EPA disagrees with your characterization of the reports. The reports must be reviewed in their totality with the Administrative Record file and Feasibility Study, which has not yet been completed. In the interests of providing advance information to the public, EPA issued these documents, along with many other reports provided to you in copies of the Administrative Record file, as the project work progressed, before completion of the draft Feasibility Study. The documents are not the Agency's "decision documents" as you characterize them in your letter.

EPA believes that the respective documents are complete, accurate and clear when read in their totality. Furthermore, EPA believes that the documents present the public with the Agency's unbiased assessment of the potential risks posed by the contamination at the Site. We have heard from other individuals and groups, primarily through Marion Cox's dialog, that the documents are helpful and usable.

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As indicated above, we are reviewing the comments to determine whether any changes should be made to the documents. We do not intend to respond to your comments in detail until we issue all other relevant documents, including the Feasibility Study and Proposed Plan. However, please let me know if you would like to discuss these comments further before we provide a formal response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eve Stolov Vaudo". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Eve Stolov Vaudo

cc: Anna Krasko, EPA
Louis Maccarone, RIDEM