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**Comments on monitoring and cleanup of toxic dust**

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From: Anthony Janello [REDACTED]
To: Anna Krasko/R1/USEPA/US@EPA

February 9, 2012

Dear Ms Krasko,

I recently sent you an email containing a copy of a letter that was read and approved by 18 neighbors who live near the Woonasquatucket River. The Centredale Manor Restoration Project as presented at public hearings held November 8th and December 7th, 2011 will undoubtedly have a great impact on us. I stated in the letter that it would be impossible for us to fully grasp the effects on our health, the health of our children and issues concerning quality of life until the details of the engineering plan are revealed. We were told that such a plan will not be fully designed for two or more years. Yet we are aware of the public comment period coming to an end on the 13th of February.

At the public meetings and in the Centredale Manor Restoration Project plan pamphlet we were told that measures would be taken to suppress and minimize neighborhood exposure to dust. Anyone familiar with the river knows that strong winds and violent gusts are common. It seems unavoidable that dust containing toxic substances (as stated by the EPA: "dioxin/furans, PCBs, Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs), semi-VOCs, and metals in numerous media including soil, sediment") from the exposed riverbed will inevitably be blown about.

The Centredale Manor Restoration Project pamphlet sites considerable research on the effects of eating fish from the Woonasquatucket River on a daily basis over a thirty-year period. Yet little mention is made of the potential health effects of exposure to airborne contaminants.

We are told that the RIDEM will monitor dust. Yet we who have lived with the often highly disturbing emissions from Johnston Asphalt (situated on the west bank of the Woonasquatucket River) know how ineffective the RIDEM's monitoring has been in protecting the public from conditions which have potentially serious health consequences.

With the millions already estimated for this project, my neighbors I and would like to see sufficient funds put aside for the testing of dust in our homes and yards during the cleanup process. Should there be evidence of toxic substances related to the cleanup we would like to have additional funds put aside for the cleanup of such substances from our living environments.

Sincerely,

Anthony Janello



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Ms. Krasko,

Sorry I forgot to include in the last email the people to whom I am C.C.ing the email I just sent you.

Anthony Janello