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US EPA Region 1
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Re: Former Creative Paper
175 James Street,
Worcester, MA

Attn: Allan Jarrell
On-Scene Coordinator

Dear Mr. Jarrell;

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) is requesting the assistance of EPA's Site Evaluation and Response Section to take removal actions and continue environmental assessment activities at the former Creative Paper facility located at 175 James Street in Worcester MA.

As you know, EPA and MassDEP conducted a joint site assessment of the property on March 18, 2013. The property is located within a densely packed and economically challenged neighborhood. Numerous drums, totes, and other vessels of apparent hazardous material were discovered within the building complex. Also noted was evidence of trespass, likely by neighborhood children, into the facility. This was corroborated by the former building employees available at the time of the site assessment. City Fire officials have significant safety concerns for both residents and emergency responders. MassDEP concurs with their assessment of the time-critical need for action. MassDEP has been working on this project for several years, but has been unsuccessful in compelling the former business to properly remove all chemicals. At this time, MassDEP requests that EPA assist by conducting removal actions to eliminate the chemical hazard.

We look forward to working with you on this matter. If you have any questions on this project, please contact Nicholas Child of our Emergency Response program at (508) 767-2847.

Sincerely,

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