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Ms. Susan Studlien, Director
Office of Site Remediation and Restoration
US EPA, Suite 1100 (HIO)
One Congress Street
Boston, MA 02114-2023

RE: Explanation of Significant
Differences for Norwood PCBs
Superfund Site
Norwood, MA.

Dear Ms. Studlien:

The Department of Environmental Protection (the Department) has reviewed the proposed Explanation of Significant Differences (ESD) dated February 2005 for the Norwood PCBs (Norwood) Superfund Site. This ESD amends the original 1989 Record of Decision (ROD) and the 1996 Amended ROD. The Department concurs with the ESD for the Site.

The purpose of this ESD is principally to adopt new groundwater clean up goals. Minor changes are also documented for the soil/source remedy as well as for the remedy implemented along Meadow Brook. The Department believes that these changes to the remedy will not affect its overall protectiveness.

The Department has evaluated the ESD for consistency with M.G.L. Chapter 21E and the Massachusetts Contingency Plan (MCP). This ESD establishes new groundwater cleanup goals based on the Department's revised regulatory classification for groundwater at the site. At the time the ROD was finalized, the groundwater at the site was classified as a potential drinking water source area. In 1993 the groundwater classification was revised with the groundwater at and in the area of the site no longer considered a potential of current drinking water source area. This change in classification is discussed in the 2001 Groundwater Use and Value Determination prepared by the Department and reflected in the "low use and value" determination assigned to the site groundwater. In consideration of the new classification, EPA re-evaluated the potential groundwater exposures and risks and revised the cleanup goals. The new cleanup goals contained in the ESD reflect updated risk information including human health and the environment.

The Department appreciates the opportunity to provide input on this ESD and looks forward to the continuing implementation of the remedy at the Site. If you have any questions please call Daniel Keefe, Project Manager for the Site, at (617) 292-5940.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Chalpin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Richard Chalpin, Assistant Commissioner
Bureau of Waste Site Cleanup

e-copy: Bob Ciacciarulo, US EPA

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