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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

July 21, 1983

Mr. Allan Danley, President
Lowell Fair Share
391 Market Street
Lowell, MA 01854

Dear Mr. Danley:

I would like to respond to the 5 points made in the Fair Share handout we received at our public meeting the evening of July 12, 1983.

Temporary Relocation

There is no technical basis to support relocation. Air sampling data shows that contamination levels on the site are far below permissible occupational exposure limits. The specifications to the cleanup contractor require that every possible precaution be taken to minimize particulate and dust emissions from the dismantling operation and that a cover of gravel be placed over the working surface of the site to prevent volatile emissions emanating from disturbance of the contaminated soil. There will be continuous air monitoring during site work and if the action levels are reached then, appropriate steps will be taken to relocate people on a voluntary basis.

Lower Trigger Levels

EPA requested the advice of the Center for Disease Control (CDC) in establishing action levels for this site. The CDC gave us what they consider to be the most conservative (most protective) action levels for our proposed cleanup work. These levels have been used at 5 other sites where cleanup work was successfully accomplished. There is no technical basis to lower action levels.

Day Care Center

The action levels set, take into consideration the most sensitive individuals: normally children, the elderly, and individuals with respiratory ailments. Since the levels will precipitate action before harmful emission levels are reached, there is no health-related need for relocation of children to day care centers.

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Right to have technical experts onsite

Due to possible onsite safety hazards we would not permit anyone other than our contractors and their employees to be onsite during cleanup work.

Request to have technical experts on site

EPA may not permit access to the site during cleanup work by anyone except our contractors and their employees who have been carefully trained in the necessary safety precautions and the use of safety equipment. The cost of providing this training and equipment to others would not be a proper use of public funds.

Your concern over safety during our operations at the Silresim site is understandable. You can be certain that we will vigorously pursue all the safety measures specified in the operating plan.

Sincerely,

Barbara Ikalainen
Project Manager

cc: Michael Thomas
Sue Sladek
Dave Pickman
Kennedy's Office

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