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Stanley Laskowski
Deputy Administrator
US EPA - Region III
841 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia, PA 19107

Re: Ambler Asbestos Piles
Ambler, PA

Dear Mr. Laskowski:

This letter is written on behalf of the one hundred thirty-three member families of the Whitpain Village Civic Association who live within a mile of the Ambler Asbestos Piles. We would like to voice our united support for a permanent solution to the asbestos hazard contained in the several piles of dangerous asbestos waste known as the "white mountains of Ambler."

EPA's choice of the on-site closure alternative to once again cap the asbestos piles with soil is a resolution which is wholly unacceptable to families living in and around the Ambler community.

We recognize that the on-site vitrification/solidification proposal which was not selected is potentially more costly than the EPA-endorsed remedy. But, even giving all consideration due to the on-site closure proposal, let's face it, it's been tried already and it has not worked. The existing erosion at the site is obvious to all who drive by each day. For this reason, it is difficult for the community to believe that the proposal to cover the asbestos piles with soil will effectively mitigate and minimize damage to or provide adequate protection of our health and the environment.

We ask that you permit further investigation into the on-site vitrification/solidification alternative, the solution that the Whitpain Village Civic Association endorses. We believe that our tax dollars are better spent in resolving the "white mountain" hazard permanently, and to that end, we join with the Ambler Borough and Upper Dublin Township in demanding that the vitrification/solidification proposal be given full and fair consideration.

Very truly yours,

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cc: Anthony DeCembrino - Ambler Borough Council President
Representative Lawrence Coughlin
Dr. Edgar Berkey - Center for Hazardous Materials Research

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