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RE: LAWRENCE
Former Tombarello & Sons
207 Marston Street
RTN 3-18126

Request for Assistance

Attention: William Lovely, Chief
Emergency Response and Removal Section II

Dear Mr. Lovely,

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) respectfully requests the assistance of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for the remediation of contaminated soil at the Former Tombarello & Sons disposal site in Lawrence, MA.

In 1998, MassDEP received notification of oil and hazardous materials in soil and groundwater at concentrations exceeding Massachusetts Contingency Plan (MCP) Reportable Concentrations and assigned Release Tracking Number (RTN) 3-18126 to the site. Historical site operations include a former scrap metal recycling facility, formerly owned and operated by John C. Tombarello and Sons. In 1998, the property was sold to American Recycling, Inc., which continued operations until 2001. Due to historical operations at the site, elevated levels of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) and metals have been detected in soil throughout the site at concentrations that could pose an Imminent Hazard. Fencing is maintained around the perimeter of the site to prevent unauthorized access to the contaminated soils.

In 2010 and 2011, in response to a request for assistance from MassDEP, EPA's Emergency Response and Removal Section completed assessment activities on residential properties abutting the site to the north and completed a removal action at four of the properties due to elevated lead and PCBs in surface soils.

In 2016, the City of Lawrence (City) acquired the property at 207 Marston Street through tax foreclosure, as referenced in the Final Judgment in Tax Lien Case, *City of Lawrence vs. American Recycling of Massachusetts, Inc.*, Case No. 11 TL 142259 and recorded May 9, 2016 at North Essex Registry of Deeds at Book 14621, Page 125. In September 2016, Nobis

This information is available in alternate format. Contact Michelle Waters-Ekanem, Director of Diversity/Civil Rights at 617-292-5751.

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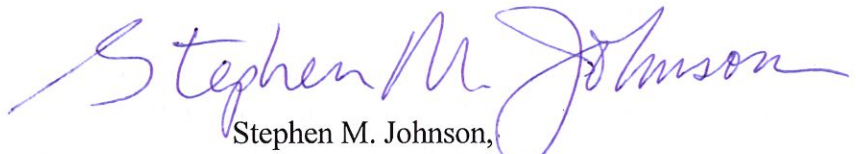
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Engineering, Inc. completed a Targeted Brownfields Assessment (TBA) at the site on behalf of EPA as a grant of service provided to the City. Using the results of the TBA, as well as historical site data, EPA's Emergency Response and Removal Section completed additional assessment in 2016 and 2017, focused on areas where elevated concentrations of PCBs and metals were identified in soils.

MassDEP and EPA continue to work with the City of Lawrence in an effort to facilitate future Brownfields redevelopment of the site. With the absence of a viable Potentially Responsible Party, as well as limited state and municipal resources, MassDEP is requesting EPA's assistance with remediation of soil at the site. In particular, EPA has identified an area of contamination west of the former Baler Press Area, where elevated PCBs and zinc are present above MCP Upper Concentration Limits.

Thank you for EPA's continued cooperation and assistance with this site. Please contact Joanne Fagan at the letterhead address or at (978) 694-3390 to discuss this request at your convenience. We look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Very truly yours,


Stephen M. Johnson,
Deputy Regional Director
Bureau of Waste Site Cleanup

Cc: Joanne Fagan, Section Chief, BWSC/Brownfields
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