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Dear Ms. Farrell:

Thank you for your response to my email and petition submission dated July 25, 2022, and for sharing your thoughts on Public Involvement Activities as they relate to waste disposal sites under M.G.L. c. 21E and the Massachusetts Contingency Plan (MCP), 310 CMR 40.0000.

As this [MCP Fact Sheet](#) explains, “The MCP encourages citizens to participate in the process of investigating and cleaning up sites”, and “Citizens can be involved in planning for preliminary response actions at a site within the year after the site is reported to DEP”. This is the wish of the twenty Shutesbury residents who signed the petition.

As you have stated, town officials have hired a Licensed Site Professional (Fuss & O’Neill) which means response actions at Lot O-32, RTN 1-21489, are imminent. The Lot O-32 Remediation Oversight Group has concerns and suggestions regarding these response actions and is ready and willing to supply the Town, as the potentially responsible party, with our energy and input.

Since, as you note, the Town must submit either a completed Tier Classification Submittal, a Permanent Solution or Temporary Solution Statement, or a Downgradient Property Status Submittal by January 28, 2023, time is of the essence. If the site becomes Tier classified, our group will continue to work with the Town after the designation of Lot O-32 as a Public Involvement Plan (PIP) Site.

As I’m sure you know, “Public Involvement Activities undertaken at [PIP Sites](#) are those taken in addition to the Public Involvement Activities required for all disposal sites and are designed to involve the public in decisions regarding response actions.”

The Town Administrator has made it clear that town officials are very concerned about groundwater contamination on Lot O-32. We are equally concerned; both groups have much common ground in this regard. I meant what I said in my original email about working toward “mutually beneficial interactions between citizens and government.”

As an elected government official, you know how important it is for local government to listen to, work together with, and act in the best interests of the residents who support it. Shutesbury officials speak freely and often about the need for transparency and citizen participation. I know you will welcome our group with open minds and hearts and treat us as partners and equals as we work together to rehabilitate Lot O-32 for the good of all.

Sincerely,
Amanda Alix
Lead Petitioner
Lot O-32 Remediation Oversight Group