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Ms. Patricia Donahue
Department of Environmental Protection
1 Winter Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02110

Subject: Notice of Placement in Public Repositories
Public Comment Draft
Revised Activity & Use Limitation
W.R. Grace & Co.-Conn
62 Whittemore Avenue
Cambridge, Massachusetts
RTN 3-0277, Tier IC Permit No. 118529

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Dear Ms. Donahue:

This letter is to inform you of the placement of the above referenced document, dated 14 January 2005, in five public repositories in accordance with the Public Involvement Plan (PIP) prepared for this site (RTN 3-0277). The document is also attached to this letter.

A Public Comment Draft Class A-3 Response Action Outcome Statement was submitted to the Public Repositories on 3 December 2004. This RAO included a draft Activity and Use Limitation document. A public meeting was held on 16 December 2004, at that meeting W.R. Grace extended the comment period on the RAO through 20 January 2005.

At the meeting three Action Items were identified for follow up:

- Addressing concerns regarding some of the language in the AUL
- A follow-up meeting between technical representatives to discuss the calculation of the volume of asbestos in soil
- Development of a Grace/Neighborhood Communication Plan

In order to address concerns raised at the public meeting regarding the AUL, a revised version of the AUL has been prepared and is enclosed with this letter. In order to allow review and comment on the revised AUL document, the comment period will be extended until the end of day on 31 January 2005. Please send comments to my attention at the Haley & Aldrich, Inc. address listed above.

Because of the highly prescribed AUL format and legal process, an AUL is not a tool for non-land use related activities, such as public participation. As described in 310 CMR 40.1012, the content of an AUL is limited to describing prohibited and allowable site uses which are necessary to control risk to human health.

However, Grace acknowledges the comments regarding continued communication and public process. The MCP public involvement process will continue to require public communication for post-RAO activities which would cause the property to re-enter the MCP (such as development or remediation activities which might occur at any time in the future).

Additionally, if a substantial change in site conditions was planned, such change would be subject a local approval process which could include approvals by the building and planning department, conservation commission, and public health department, each of which also provide provisions for public participation.

Regarding the other action items, Grace is committed to open and active communication regarding the site in the future. Grace is looking forward to meeting with the technical representatives of the neighborhood to discuss the volume calculation and has been trying to establish a meeting date with the neighborhood representatives. Grace is also exploring options for preparing a Community Communication Plan and will be seeking the assistance of the Massachusetts Office of Dispute Resolution (MODR), the agency which facilitated the public meeting.

Please note that all persons signing in at the 16 December 2004 public meeting have been added to the mailing list for the Site. If you do not wish to receive future mailings, please contact Melissa McEwen (mmcewen@haleyaldrich.com) to be removed from this mailing list. If you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to call the undersigned.

Sincerely yours,
HALEY & ALDRICH, INC.



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Senior Vice President

c: W.R. Grace PIP Mailing List (*updated*)

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