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Senator James E. Timilty  
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Re: Medfield State Hospital Site

Dear Senator Timilty,

I am writing to you in response to your letter dated April 28, 2012, addressed to Governor Patrick, regarding the remediation of the former Medfield State Hospital site. I appreciate your thoughts regarding the remediation of the site and am providing some clarification of DCAM's remediation proposal.

During my tenure, DCAM has worked with various representatives from the Town of Medfield to arrive at a plan to remediate certain areas of the site which contain a variety of construction and demolition wastes, (the "C&D Area"). Our primary concern has been and will remain to ensure public safety and that environmental concerns at the site are addressed.

DCAM, in an open process, drafted a proposal for site remediation that involves capping the C&D Area as well as a series of other steps that follow well accepted practice among environmental remediation professionals. The plan entails capping the C&D Area with an impermeable geo-membrane to prevent the escape of any materials. In addition, the plan requires monitoring the C&D Area for thirty (30) years to ensure that membrane is intact and no materials have escaped. Also, approximately 45-60 cubic yards of petroleum impacted sediment from the Charles River riverbed is to be removed and the adjacent riverbank will be bio-engineered to restore wildlife habitat areas.

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This plan fully complies with the requirements of the Massachusetts Contingency Plan, and again is a well-accepted practice among environmental remediation professionals. To be sure that nothing was missed, DCAM hired a professional risk assessor and a peer review group of well-respected licensed site professionals to review the proposed plan. These professionals confirmed that DCAM's plan was an effective way to remediate the site.

Finally, at the request of the Board of Selectmen, we have engaged the services of a mediation consultant to help us arrive at a mutually acceptable agreement for the Medfield site. DCAM will continue to work towards just such a solution.

Please contact me with any questions regarding this matter.

Very truly yours,



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Commissioner

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