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I am writing as a follow-up to your most recent communications with the School District's environmental consultants, Walden Associates, concerning the status of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's (NYSDEC) review of the Syosset Landfill radiological groundwater monitoring report and your last formal written communication to the School District dated March 22, 2019 concerning the status of environmental investigations at the former Syosset Landfill and Cerro Wire sites.

In your March 22nd letter, you state that your Department has conducted radiological sampling at the former Syosset landfill, noting that "preliminary results do not show any cause for concern". That letter also offered an anticipated date of May 2019 for the Remedial Investigation Report (RIR) for the Cerro Wire site. At the request of the School District, Walden Associates has periodically reached out to your office since the issuance of your letter to ascertain the status of the RIR and to affirm that no subsequent developments have altered your preliminary assessment of the Syosset Landfill as quoted above.

It is my understanding that you subsequently informed Walden Associates that the NYSDEC's review of the radiological sampling at the former Syosset landfill confirmed that there are no impacts on the South Grove School and that you would inform us of any change to these conclusions. In addition, you recently informed Walden Associates that nothing has changed from your previous updates to the School District or Walden Associates and as such, the NYSDEC's assessments remain consistent with the representations contained in your March 22nd letter to the School District and the subsequent communications that you have had with Walden Associates on the School District's behalf.

With respect to the Cerro Wire RIR, I have been advised that you informed Walden Associates that the draft RIR is still under review by NYSDEC and the New York State Department of Health. Walden Associates reviewed the draft RIR available for review at the Syosset Public Library document repository and noted that the Executive Summary did not identify any significant environmental concerns during the Remedial Investigation. Kindly confirm.

As nearly a year has passed since your last formal communication, and the Final RIR appears overdue, please reaffirm the assessments previously provided in writing for the School District and offer a new timeline by which we might anticipate the release of any relevant reports.

With appreciation,



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