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Ms. Francine Carlini
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Dear Francine:

This letter is to confirm our discussions of July 31st regarding the discovery of airborne asbestos emissions in the 100 block of North Main Street in Ambler. To summarize our data at this point, the following items are known:

1. On Thursday, July 25th, Mr. Richard Orsini of Orsini's Body shop at 196 North Main Street, contacted me regarding the potential finding of asbestos fibers on the vehicles in his lot. I advised Mr. Orsini to bring me in some samples for testing that the Borough would pay for. Those samples were submitted to BCM Laboratories on Germantown Pike on Friday, July 25th.
2. On Tuesday, July 31st, I received a call from Linda Cox at BCM Laboratories. Ms. Cox advised me that the samples were 50% chrysotile asbestos and that a written verification would follow. We discussed the type of asbestos and verified that it was chrysotile, not the crystalite found along Rose Valley Creek in Whitpain Township.
3. I immediately placed a call to you notifying you of these facts and we met at the site at 1:30 on July 31st. I introduced you to Mr. Orsini and indicated the numerous flecks that could be found and readily seen on top of vehicles on his lot which had been stationary for a minimum of twelve hours.

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4. As part of our identification of potential sites for this emission, we identified the Ambler Warehouse on West Maple Street which has recently had a fire, which is undertaking some roof repairs, and installing a new door; the old Keasbey and Mattison Plant #2 on Railroad Avenue in Whitpain Township which had a fire last October (approximately) and which is now inactive; as well as the known sites of the Nicolet factory and the various asbestos waste piles in the area.

On July 1st, I was informed by one of our employees that the Ambler Warehouse property has also been the site of some earth work which may have been the location of an old dump type of site. Whether that involves any asbestos related material is unknown at this time but hopefully will be explored by my personnel and Whitpain Township personnel.

You proceeded to take additional samples on the afternoon of the 31st and will have those tested for verification of the asbestos content.

5. I was contacted on the morning of the first by at least one neighbor in the 200 block of North Main Street who had already heard of the confirmed asbestos in the area and was interested in knowing what was going to happen. I informed her that until we had better information we would not be going more public since we could not explain what exactly was happening or how widespread the problem was.

We will continue to work closely with you and will keep you informed as to any new information we obtain.

Sincerely,

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Borough Manager

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