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Mr. Thomas P. Eichler
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Dear Mr. Eichler:

I am the Borough Manager of Ambler, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, the site of one of your Superfund locations. Mr. Victor Abreu, of your office, recently contacted me concerning the intentions of EPA to begin preparing the "Work Plan" for the remedial aspect of the asbestos waste piles in Ambler.

I appreciated his call and discussed with him the idea that Ambler officials be intimately involved in the process of preparing the work plan. Having gone through two contamination issues in the area, dioxin and asbestos, and having served on a Pennsylvania DER Ad Hoc Committee on public participation for hazardous waste management, I believe that a close working relationship, from the start, is extremely important.

To date, I have been generally pleased with the performance of all the EPA personnel I have come in contact with. However, like any organization, there are times when I believe things could be coordinated a little bit better. We still have outstanding issues with the home testing for asbestos and this resolution of the remedial approach that will be taken for the Ambler asbestos waste piles.

As you probably know by now, the Borough has an interest in seeing that the "Vitrifix" process is considered. However, that is not my only intention in requesting active Ambler participation in your review process. The elected officials and citizens of Ambler need reassurance that progress is being made and local concerns taken into account. This can occur much more easily when participation is ongoing throughout the process, rather than confined to a review process after policy formulation.

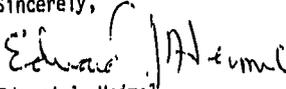
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I would appreciate your serious consideration of this request.

Sincerely,


Edward J. Heimerl
Borough Manager

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- c/c - Victor Abreu
- Senator Heinz
- Senator Specter
- Representative Coughlin
- Representative Saurman

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