

COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP
BoRit Asbestos Area
Ambler / Upper Dublin /Whitpain, Pennsylvania

December 27, 2007

Mr. Donald S. Welsh
Regional Administrator
United States Environmental Protection Agency - Region 3
1650 Arch Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103-2029

RE: Removal Actions Under Consideration for the BoRit Asbestos Site

Dear Mr. Welsh:

For the past six months, the BoRit Community Advisory Group (CAG), a diverse cross-section of government and community stakeholders, has worked diligently to understand the options available to mitigate the risks, and realize the potential presented by the largest unremediated asbestos site in the United States. It is with that collective experience and the considerable knowledge of the BoRit Site by our members, that we the undersigned submit this response to the removal actions currently proposed for the three parcels situated within Ambler Borough, Upper Dublin Township, and Whitpain Township in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.

It is the clear consensus of the CAG, on behalf of the government and community stakeholders represented, that we support the removal concept presented to us by the Federal On-Scene Coordination Team at our meeting of November 28, 2007. We strongly encourage the agency to complete the detailed planning required to execute this concept, allocate funding for its implementation, and commence work at the earliest possible opportunity.

However, the CAG respectfully requests that during the detailed planning phase, the agency fully consider and address the areas of concern the community has about each of the proposed actions. As described in Attachment (2), our concerns are grouped into the following five categories:

- 1) Effective and environmentally sensitive stream bank stabilization.
- 2) Complete and effective encapsulation or removal of all exposed asbestos-containing material.
- 3) Comprehensive monitoring during and after removal actions.

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- 4) Collaboration with all of the responsible government agencies and property owners on the establishment of institutional controls.
- 5) Continued partnership with the CAG to produce and promote long-term solutions.

The CAG looks forward to continuing our close cooperation with the hardworking professionals at USEPA, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, and all of the other agencies involved; to resolve these concerns and any others should they arise during the execution of the removal action.

For too many years, the BoRit parcels have posed real, potential, and unknown health risks to our community. This fenced-off blight is a significant detriment to the community's health and safety, property values, environmental quality, and indeed our spirit. The CAG believes the proposed removal actions under consideration can and should be a catalyst for a multi-governmental plan of action that addresses not only these 38 contaminated acres, but also how they relate and connect to the adjacent developed and natural environment.

In summary, please understand that the clear consensus of the CAG is that the proposed removal actions are necessary and desirable at this time. However, we also strongly agree that a National Priorities List (NPL) listing, a full remedial investigation/feasibility study (RI/FS), and remedial action is ultimately in the best interest of our community.

Please keep the CAG informed of developments during every stage of the removal action so that we can continue to carry out our advisory responsibility in the most effective manner.

We sincerely appreciate your staff's efforts on behalf of our community.

Very Sincerely,

BoRit CAG Members
Signature Page Attached

ATTACHMENT 1: Signature Page

ATTACHMENT 2: Detailed Response to Removal Actions Under Consideration

ATTACHMENT 3: BoRit Removal Actions Presentation of November 28, 2007

ATTACHMENT 4: Distribution