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Joyce K. Frank

Acting Associate Administrator for Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations
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Dear Acting Associate Administrator Frank,

I am writing to bring to your attention the concerns of my constituents in Ambler, Pennsylvania about the proposed dirt capping of the BoRit Asbestos Superfund Site. I ask that they receive your full, fair, and prompt cooperation and response.

I understand that the Environmental Protection Agency has begun the process of delivering dirt to the BoRit site. My constituents feel that this dirt capping approach is not an effective long term remedy as previous capping attempts have failed. Capping does not fulfill the nine criteria EPA uses to weigh the effectiveness of a remedy such as long-term effectiveness or the overall protection of human health. Because of BoRit's location, adjacent to the Wissahickon Creek, the area is subject to erosion and displacement of the materials used to cover the asbestos, resulting in pollutants being spread further downstream. While capping might be cost effective in the short term, the site will incur maintenance costs forever.

On behalf of the nearly 2,000 community members who have signed a petition supporting removal, treatment, and or recycling of the asbestos pile in Ambler, I ask for full remediation of this site which includes the removal and recycling of the asbestos.

It is absolutely necessary that those residents of the communities surrounding the BoRit site in Ambler are assured by the EPA that remediation will be done that will permanently protect their health and the environment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stewart J. Greenleaf".

Stewart J. Greenleaf