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*For City
Council
Information
Bob Healy*

MELVIN H. CHALFEN, M.D.
COMMISSIONER

May 10, 1985

Mr. Robert W. Healy
City Manager
Cambridge City Hall
795 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Mr. Healy:

As you know officials of the George B.H. Macomber Co. have informed the Cambridge Fire Department, Police Department, Health Department and Inspectional Services Department that soil at the site of construction of Riverfront Office Park - II, 99 Main Street, Cambridge (next to the Saddlebrook Building) is contaminated. The contaminants are polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) and a number of volatile organic compounds, mainly trichlorethylene and xylenes.

Macomber intends to remove the soil, about 1000 cubic feet, over a 2-3 week period, with a systematic process in ways appropriate to full protection from contamination for their workers and for the general public. The soil is to be moved by licensed hazardous waste contractors to a certified disposal site in New York.

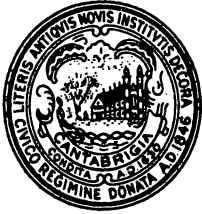
Macomber representatives have informed Mass. DEQE of the plans for review and have also informed the EPA.

Cambridge Fire Department and Health Department personnel will make inspections of the soil removing operations. The Macomber plan of removal of the contaminated soil appears satisfactory for worker and public protection.

Yours sincerely,

Melvin H. Chalfen M.D.
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Commissioner

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
ROBERT W. HEALY
City Manager

May 20, 1985

To the Honorable, the City Council:

I transmit herewith, for your information, a letter from Melvin H. Chalfen, M.D., Commissioner, Health and Hospitals, pertaining to the testing of soil at the construction site of the Riverfront Office Park - II, 99 Main Street.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Re: informational comm. from the Commissioner
of Health & Hospitals Re: testing of soil at
the construction site of Riverfront Office Park
- II, 99 Main St.

In City Council,

May 20, 1985

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