



# City of Cambridge

20.

IN CITY COUNCIL

March 23, 1998

COUNCILLOR BORN  
COUNCILLOR DAVIS  
MAYOR DUEHAY  
VICE MAYOR GALLUCCIO  
COUNCILLOR REEVES  
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY  
COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU

WHEREAS: Neighbors of the proposed development at the former Polaroid site have repeatedly raised the concern that potentially contaminated soil at the site may prove a health hazard either currently or during the construction phase of the project; and

WHEREAS: A request from the City Council that the developers of the site voluntarily conduct testing of the soil (in order to determine what contaminants currently exist and in what locations on the site) has not to date yielded a result; and

WHEREAS: The concerns of the neighborhood continue to grow as the date for commencement of construction apparently nears; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report to the Council about what regulations are currently in place to prevent airborne or other contaminants during construction which might endanger the health of the neighborhood, specifically addressing the following questions:

1. What kinds of soil testing are required prior to the commencement of construction of a project this size, recognizing the history of the site as a chemical production facility.
2. Does the City have any jurisdiction to require testing by the owner?

3. Can the City or state perform such testing if the owner is not willing or able to do so?
4. What monitoring or oversight will the Department of Inspectional Services or other city departments be responsible for during the construction of the project, and how will the results of that monitoring be available to the public? Or to put it simply: how will area residents know if contaminants are present in the soil that is being excavated?
5. What monitoring are other state or federal agencies required or able to do?
6. What measures is the owner required to take to ensure the safety of area residents?
7. What redress is available should any of the above City or state agencies or private owners fail in their obligations to ensure public safety, including monetary damages such as fines, or terminations of permits?

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.


Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

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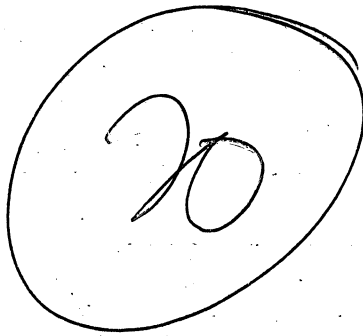
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Consent Order #20

CM-126

Councillor Born re: Health hazard  
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**ORDER ADOPTED**