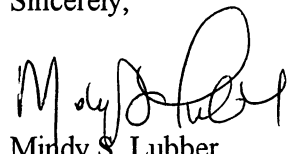


- Second Request for Information Pursuant to Section 104 of CERCLA for the Libby Asbestos Site (SSID #BC), located in and near Libby, Montana, dated January 6, 2000; addressed to Mr. David Cleary, W.R. Grace, Inc., 6401 Poplar Avenue, Suite 301, Memphis, TN 38119; signed by Janice Pearson for Sharon Kerchner, Director, Technical Enforcement Program, Office of Enforcement, Compliance and Environmental Justice, US EPA Region VIII 8ENF-T, 999 18th Street, Suite 500, Denver, Colorado, 80802-2466 (9 pages, including enclosures).

In addition, Mr. Lipson indicated that he is willing to be the City's point of contact for all further communications on the subject of the North Cambridge facility. The OSC will schedule a meeting with Mr. Lipson in the near future to discuss plans for the Removal Site Evaluation at this facility.

If you require further information, you may contact David McIntyre, Chief of the Site Evaluation and Response Section I, at (617) 918-1281, or On-Scene Coordinator Mary Ellen Stanton at (617) 918-1256.

Sincerely,



Mirdy S. Lubber
Regional Administrator



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May 24, 2000

Ms. D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk
City of Cambridge
City Hall
795 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139

Dear Ms. Drury:

Thank you for your letter of April 13, 2000 requesting that the City of Cambridge be furnished copies of all inquiries and correspondence between the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the W. R. Grace Company regarding the North Cambridge W.R. Grace facility, located at 62 Whittemore Avenue. The Superfund Removal Program will be undertaking a Removal Site Evaluation at the North Cambridge facility; its goal will be to determine whether conditions at the site meet the criteria for a removal action listed in the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Contingency Plan, which can be found at 40 CFR 300.

The On-Scene Coordinator (OSC) assigned to carry out this evaluation, Mary Ellen Stanton, has been in touch with Mr. Sam Lipson, Director of the Environmental Health Unit at the Cambridge Health Department, in order to discuss your request for these records. He indicated that the records the City is seeking are those related to asbestos contamination at the North Cambridge facility. A search of EPA's file materials indicates that there is currently one known item of correspondence between these two parties on this subject, as follows:

One 29-page fax from Mr. Art Johnson of EPA Headquarters' Emergency Response and Removal Team—Office of Emergency and Remedial Response, containing the following documents:

- Request for Information Pursuant to Section 104 of CERCLA for the Libby Asbestos Site (SSID #BC), located in and near Libby, Montana, dated December 7, 1999; addressed to Mr. David Cleary, W.R. Grace, Inc., 6401 Poplar Avenue, Suite 301, Memphis, TN 38119; signed by Sharon Kerchner, Director, Technical Enforcement Program, Office of Enforcement, Compliance and Environmental Justice, US EPA Region VIII 8ENF-T, 999 18th Street, Suite 500, Denver, Colorado, 80802-2466 (15 pages, including enclosures);
- One fax cover page addressed to David Cleary of W. R. Grace from Kelcey Land of US EPA Region VIII titled "Amendment to 1st Set of 104 (e) Questions";
- One isolated letter page, apparently faxed in error; and

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Consent Communciation #22

A communication was received from Mindy S. Lubber, Regional Administrator, United States Environmental Protection Agency, relative to the North Cambridge W. R. Grace facility located at 62 Whittemore Avenue.

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In City Council June 5, 2000

Referred to the City Manager