

November 4, 2015

VIA E-MAIL and U.S. MAIL

Ms. Leslie Anderson
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Bureau of Remediation and Waste Management
Maine Dept. of Environmental Protection
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August, ME 04333-0017

**Re: Notice of Potential Liability and Request for Information:
Former Dow Air Force Base**

Dear Ms. Anderson:

On behalf of the City of Bangor (the "City"), I am responding to your October 13, 2015 correspondence addressed to City Manager Catherine Conlow, which provides notice to the City regarding its potential liability under Maine and Federal law for certain releases of hazardous substances at the former Dow Air Force Base (the "Site") and requests information pursuant to 38 M.R.S.A. § 1364(3). This correspondence was received by the City Manager's office on October 30, 2015 and requires that a response to be provided within 30 days from receipt (i.e., November 29, 2015).

While the City has initiated the process of gathering information responsive to the request for information ("RFI") immediately, the City requests that it be given until January 15, 2016 to complete its response. This extension is necessary for the following reasons:

1. The RFI poses a large number of complex multi-part questions requiring, at minimum, detailed research of numerous records and scheduling of interviews with numerous current and former City employees;
2. The City must locate, obtain the cooperation of, and interview a number of former City employees; and
3. The City must locate numerous records, many of which may be decades old.

It also should be noted that the intervening holidays in November under the current deadline, as well as the December holiday period that follows, will make it more difficult than usual to arrange for interviews with both present and, in particular, former employees. Given these circumstances and the importance of preparing a complete and correct response that is consistent

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with the requirements set forth in the certification statement called for in Section 2 of the RFI instructions, the requested extension is reasonable.

We note that your letter also states that the Department is contacting all known potentially responsible parties and requesting that these parties provide any additional information they have regarding the Site. Therefore, on behalf of the City, we request that the Department provide (a) any lists of potentially responsible parties regarding the Site (whether or not parties on such lists were each sent notice letter or request for information, (b) a copy of any notice letters or requests for information issued to any other persons or entities with regard to the Site, and (c) any responses to such requests for information. Please consider this to be a request made pursuant to the Maine Freedom of Access Act, 1 M.R.S.A Sections 401 *et seq.*

Please contact me with any questions you may have regarding the foregoing.

Very truly yours,



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