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RE: Neighborhood Information Meeting on July 16, 2014, 6:00pm

DEAR MS SULLIVAN:

This letter basically consists of a copy of a letter that was sent out to local concerned citizens and residents in the area of the former Beal's Linen site in Auburn, Maine. I thought it would be advisable and courteous to send each of you a copy of Ms. Blais's notice of the upcoming public meeting, and offer your each the opportunity to attend the DEP Informational Meeting. Her narrative letter is cut-and-pasted below:

Over the past few months the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has been investigating the presence of dry cleaning chemicals in the soil and groundwater throughout your neighborhood in response to chemical contamination recently identified at a former dry cleaner at 7 Chestnut Street. The Department is mainly concerned with a dry cleaning chemical called perchloroethylene (PCE or PERC) that was used by the dry cleaner to clean clothing, and chemicals created from PCE as part of its breakdown once it is released into the environment

The DEP has determined that PCE and its breakdown products exist in the ground beneath the 7 Chestnut Street building and that these chemicals are impacting the apartment units on 7 Chestnut Street. Due to potential health concerns from long term exposure to these chemicals the DEP has worked with the property owner to install a vapor mitigation system which will intercept and remove the chemical vapors before they enter the building. This system was installed the week of April 14th;. To determine the extent of contamination and assure that all potential exposures are identified and mitigated, the DEP has collected soil, groundwater, and soil vapor samples from a number of specific locations throughout the neighborhood as part of its on-going investigation.

While it is still rather early in our investigation, we wanted to take this opportunity to update people in the neighborhood as to the results of the investigation and what our future plans are at this time. In coordination with the City of Auburn, we have set up a neighborhood information session to update you and to answer questions. A representative from the Maine Center for Disease Control & Prevention (Maine CDC) will also be on hand to answer questions regarding potential health impacts.

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The information session will be held from 6-8pm on Wednesday, July 16th at the Webster School Apartments Auditorium, located at 95 Hampshire Street in Auburn. Please join us on July 16th to discuss your questions and concerns about this former dry cleaner site.

Sincerely,

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