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Mr. Philip S. Otis
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Dear Mr. Otis;

As a resident of Mount View Community located north of Allen Harbor / Calf Pasture Point on Narragansett Bay, I attended February 6, 1997 meeting at Bldg. 404 and wish to enter my comments for the Record of Decision pertaining to site 09.

I have concerns pertaining to alternative 3. Since the 1970's, myself, family, pets, friends have walked and biked the road leading from the beach inward (west) and south toward Allen Harbor to see sunsets and mostly appreciate the natural beauty, trees and greenery and wildlife contained therein. This area is truely a wildlife paradise; deer, swan, ducks, rabbit can be readily observed in this quiet preserved place.

In the 1980's, I and other residents learned of the toxic dumping which had taken place for forty years previous at Calf Pasture / Allen Harbor. To my knowledge no record or instance of illness has been

known to emanate from Calf Pasture / Allen Harbor Area. Wildlife is thriving, greenery is healthy and profuse. Shell fishing may be prohibitive but so it is also prohibited north along Narragansett Bay in East Greenwich and Providence.

I asked the panel of experts at the 2/6/97 meeting; "What is the amount of dissipation of toxic materials due to runoff (leachate) through the past 23 years?" "This has not been determined," I was told. Isn't it possible, Mr. Otis, the area open would enable a cleansing from within. Since the surface area contains many trees, shrubs, and greenery, isn't the uptake of precipitation promoted and increase on a yearly basis naturally.

I believe that Remedial Alternative #3 would scar and destroy the landscape radically, to the detriment of people and wildlife. Elimination of large trees to accomodate two impermeable liners would forever destroy the wildlife preserve now in existance there.

I propose Alternative I; adding layers of soil to stop erosion on the shoreline may be adviseable. On the whole, no changes but a five year monitoring and review, please.

Thank you for the Opportunity to comment. Sincerely,

Catherine W. Beard
Mount View Resident Assn. President