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Phillip Otis
Department of the Navy, Northern Division
NAVFACENGCOM
10 Industrial Highway, Mail Stop #82
Lester, Pa. 19113-2090

RE: Allens Harbor Landfill Closure, Quonset Point, R. I.

Dear Mr. Otis,

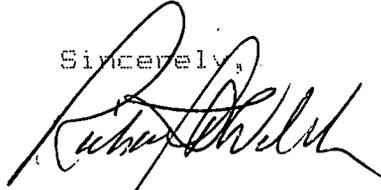
I would like to comment on the proposed cover and closure of the landfill site at ALLENS HARBOR, Quonset Point, Rhode Island. I have reviewed the printed material supplied to me by Mr. Jeffrey R. Rhodes, Director of the Caretaker Site Office, Davisville, Rhode Island, and I am concerned with the following;

1. With this site being in a tidal zone and subject to the influences of tides, flooding, and capillary action, I don't see any protection that would stop the lateral movement of the toxic materials in the landfill into the ground water or Allens Harbor and Narragansett Bay. Without this protection it would seem that it is only a matter of time before these materials make their way into the water.
2. Under this closure proposal will there be any monitoring of this site on a regular basis and will the results of this be reported to the Town of North Kingstown?
3. It appears that the finished site will be grassed with no other landscaping and that many vent pipes will be sticking up from the closure cap. What possible uses would you expect that this site would then be suitable to be used for by the Town of North Kingstown. From the materials that I have seen I am not sure this site will be usable for anything in the future, especially recreation.
4. No mention was made of another solution to this land fill closure, the complete removal of the toxic materials and returning it to its natural state. Why?
5. If a cap is used for the closure instead of removal of the toxic materials, then will the Department of the Navy be responsible for the maintenance of the cap, its venting system, its rip-rap walls, the monitoring of the site and the repair of any failures in this proposed cure, FOR EVER?

Narragansett Bay is Rhode Island's Yellowstone National Park,

its a national treasure to be protected for all of the people of these United States. We must do everything possible to protect this bay. Please respond to my questions, thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert M. Kelly". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "R".

cc: Jeffery R. Rhodes
Representative Susan Hensler
Representative Ken Carter
Representative Melvoid Benson
Dave Burnham, Council President, Town of North Kingstown