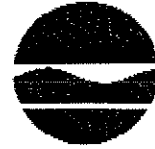


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**Subject: Duracell Inc. Site (#360011)
Background Soil Sampling Results
Patriot's Park
Tarrytown, Westchester County, New York**

Dear Mr. Arduino:

As you may know, on May 6, 2009 an environmental contractor for the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (Department) collected soil samples from Patriot's Park as part of a "background" soil study performed in conjunction with the ongoing investigation of the above-referenced inactive hazardous waste disposal site in the Village of Sleepy Hollow, Westchester County, New York. The purpose of the background soil study was to assess the concentrations of naturally occurring metals (lead and mercury) found in soil at a property near the Duracell Inc. Site. Patriot's Park was one of three parks in the area utilized as suitable background locations. The Department is hereby transmitting the validated results for Patriot's Park in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

A total of six surface soil samples were collected from select locations around the park, to a depth of two inches below ground surface, excluding vegetative cover. The cavity in the ground surface that resulted from the collection of each sample was backfilled with clean topsoil to the original ground surface. Enclosed are the laboratory results for the samples collected from Patriot's Park.

Mercury levels detected in the surface soil samples collected from Patriot's Park ranged from 0.10 to 0.38 parts per million (ppm). Lead levels detected in the surface soil samples collected ranged from 57.5 to 159 ppm. A study performed by the Department in March of 2003 to characterize background concentrations of heavy metals in soils of the lower Hudson Valley found mercury levels ranging from 0.04 to 0.92 ppm, and lead levels ranging from 6.9 to 303 ppm.

The Department appreciates your cooperation in granting the Department and its contractor entry into Patriot's Park for the purpose of collecting background surface soil samples. Please feel free to direct any questions you may have regarding this environmental study to me toll free at 1-866-520-2334, or (518) 402-9662. Should you have any questions about the Department's legal authority or obligations, they should be directed to Ms. Alali Tamuno, the Department case attorney, at (914) 428-2505.

Sincerely,



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Background Soil Sampling Results

Patriot's Park

Tarrytown, Westchester County, New York

Sampling Date: May 6, 2009

Sample Depth	NYSDEC Residential Soil Cleanup Objective ⁽¹⁾	Mercury Results (ppm)					
		Sample Location No.					
0 to 2 inches	1.2 ppm	1	2	3	4	5	6
		0.33	0.38	0.17	0.38	0.10	0.35

Sample Depth	NYSDEC Residential Soil Cleanup Objective ⁽¹⁾	Lead Results (ppm)					
		Sample Location No.					
0 to 2 inches	400 ppm	1	2	3	4	5	6
		71.7	118	113	112	57.5	159

Notes:

⁽¹⁾ NYSDEC Soil cleanup objectives (SCOs) obtained from 6 NYCRR 375-6.8(b).

DUP indicates a duplicate sample was collected.

All sample results are reported in parts per million (ppm).

Bold values indicate analyte detected above NYSDEC Residential SCO.