UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION I
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April 12, 1996

Charles River Laboratories, Inc.
Attn: Mr. Dennis Shaughnessy
251 Ballardvale Street
Wilmington, MA 01887

Dear Mr. Shaughnessy:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 1 office has completed its evaluation of the Charles River Breeding Labs property located on Ballardvale in Wilmington, Massachusetts (EPA Identification Number: MAD019716729) has determined that a "No Further Remedial Action Planned" (NFRAP) decision is appropriate for this site and that the site should be archived. A search of our files does not show that you, as an owner, operator or other interested party, have been notified of this decision. Thus, the purpose of this letter is to provide you with formal notification of this EPA decision.

The NFRAP decision means that no further work is anticipated at this site by the federal Superfund Site Assessment program. Sites receive a NFRAP decision when the federal Superfund Site Assessment program has completed its evaluation of a site, and has determined that, based upon the information available, no further steps will be taken to list the site on the National Priorities List (NPL or "Superfund List").

The NFRAP decision does not necessarily mean that there is no hazard associated with this site; sites with NFRAP decisions may still warrant federal Superfund Removal program actions. The NFRAP decision simply means that this site is not judged to be a potential NPL site.

Sites with NFRAP decisions are archived from EPA's Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Information System (CERCLIS) database following the completion of all federal Superfund (Site Assessment and Removal program) activities. Sites archived from CERCLIS are maintained as historical records to ensure Superfund program investigations are not needlessly repeated in the future.

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Further actions may be taken at archived sites by other EPA or federal programs, or by state or local programs. You may wish to contact the state to verify the status of this property with regard to state authorities. The contact for the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection is Mr. Harish Panchal, who may be reached at (617) 556-1118.

Finally, NFRAP/archive decisions may be changed based upon new information or other considerations which make a recommendation for listing appropriate at a later time. In such an instance, you will be notified and the site will be returned to the CERCLIS database with the NFRAP decision removed.

Please contact me at (617) 573-9697 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Nancy Smith

Nancy Smith
Site Assessment Manager
Office of Site Remediation and Restoration

cc: Mr. Harish Panchal, MA DEP