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Subject: FW: 50 Tufts St. and Unifirst (MBTA CRMF MA0003590)

FYI: the latest on groundwater contamination potentially impacting MBTA CRMF effluent.

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Undine and Joe,

Thank you again for a good site visit and meeting last week on October 12 about our NPDES permit issues.

EPA and DEP asked for a copy of MBTA's 21E, §4A demand to Unifirst Corporation on 50 Tufts St., Somerville and a copy of Unifirst's reply. It would not be appropriate for us to give you copies of those at this time, as it could jeopardize our negotiations with Unifirst.

But in response to your request, the MBTA will prepare a summary of data on 50 Tufts St. relevant to our 4A demand that demonstrates that (1) contaminated groundwater from the Unifirst property at 50 Tufts St. is migrating onto MBTA property and entering MBTA and Somerville drain lines that discharge to the Millers River and (2) the 50 Tufts plume is NOT stable – elevated concentrations of CVOCs have migrated beyond the boundaries of the site delineations by Unifirst and are causing violation of federal and state environmental standards, including NPDES and 21 E.

MBTA is asking EPA and DEP to review 50 Tufts St. issues and take appropriate regulatory actions against Unifirst related to its responsibilities for 50 Tufts St. as an ongoing source of CVOCs.

We look forward to discussing these significant issues with you and others in EPA and DEP soon and to be working with you to find a path to resolution.

Thank you,
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