



**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**



March 1, 2010

Mr. Robert M. Alessio  
President and Chief Operating Officer  
Southern Connecticut Gas Company  
77 Hartland Street  
East Hartford, CT 06108

RE: Newhall Street Neighborhood Remediation Project  
Hamden, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Alessio:

The Newhall Street Neighborhood within the Town of Hamden – a roughly 18 block area in the southern part of Hamden – is a significant and high profile state superfund site. A substantial soil cleanup effort at this site is scheduled to kick-off this Spring. The cleanup effort will include excavating contaminated waste fill to a maximum depth of 4 feet below ground surface on roughly 230 properties, most of which are residential. Given the size and scope of this project, it is anticipated that the excavation activities will be on-going for three to five years.

During cleanup implementation, it is expected that gas supply pipes will be encountered and that replacement or repair of these pipes will be required. This work will of course require participation of your company. To ensure the gas supply pipe work is done in a safe and timely manner, it will be important to establish a direct line of communication between your company and the cleanup excavation contractor. Therefore, we respectfully request that a representative of Southern Connecticut Gas Company be identified as a contact person for this cleanup project.

The cleanup will be performed on behalf of Olin Corporation, one of the parties responsible for the historic placement of the waste fill. Olin Corporation's project manager for this cleanup effort is Ms. Carrie Hunt. Ms. Hunt can be reached at (423) 336-4308.

It is also important for us to note that the State of Connecticut, through the Department of Environmental Protection, is reimbursing Olin Corporation for 50% of the cost to conduct this multi-million dollar cleanup. The Department's project manager for the cleanup effort is Mr. Ray Frigon. Mr. Frigon can be reached at (860) 424-3797. Please have your designated representative contact Ms. Hunt or Mr. Frigon no later than March 5, 2010.

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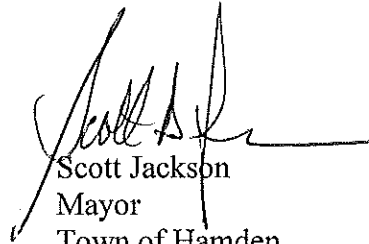
Finally, a copy of the Department's Remedy Selection Plan, which outlines the cleanup actions planned for the Newhall Street Neighborhood, is enclosed for your information.

Thank you in advance for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,



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Commissioner  
Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection



Scott Jackson  
Mayor  
Town of Hamden

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cc: David Share, Olin Corporation  
Carrie Hunt, Olin Corporation  
Commissioner Joan McDonald, DECD