

FRANKLIN & MARSHALL

June 13, 2008

Mr. Jim Martin
Township Manager
Manheim Township
1840 Municipal Drive
Lancaster, PA 17601

Dear Jim:

It has come to my attention that at the June 9, 2008 meeting of the Manheim Township Commissioners, TRRAAC leader, Ms. Kathy Ashworth, addressed the Commissioners and inadvertently provided inaccurate information regarding the Norfolk Southern Dillerville Yard Consolidation Project.

Ms. Ashworth reportedly stated that during a June 2nd neighborhood meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John May that John Fry and I noted that some materials contained in the former municipal dump, which we will be removing and transporting to the county land fill, contain friable asbestos. Actually, we said the complete opposite; to the best of our knowledge, the asbestos is nonfriable, which has been determined from our extensive environmental characterization of the site. We also stated that if we encountered any friable asbestos containing materials during the waste removal we would immediately implement proper disposal procedures, which will be part of our approved Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Act 2 Remediation Plan. This plan will be in place prior to any remediation commencing at the site and all activities will comply with approved protocols and will be monitored by DEP. While Ms. Ashworth did not attend this neighborhood meeting, she was speaking from an email recounting what was said which contained inaccurate information. I have spoken with Ms. Ashworth who confirmed these details as well as the author of that email whom apologized for the mistake and any confusion it created.

From reports of the June 9 Commissioners' meeting, there also seems to be some confusion regarding the College's willingness to review TRRAAC's alternative plans for locating the Dillerville yard. So I would like to take this opportunity to clarify this issue. I have always been willing to discuss TRRAAC's alternative plans but until mid May there was no contact by TRRAAC about the existence of an alternative or a request for a discussion. Prior to this communication, I had learned about one alternative from third parties and initiated a review of the

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plan by our project engineer, Garnett Fleming. I have a meeting with several TRRAAC leaders scheduled for Monday, June 16, 2008 to discuss the results of the engineer's review.

From the very beginning of this project Franklin & Marshall College and Lancaster General committed themselves to being transparent by engaging neighbors and sharing information about the initiative. We have conducted ten neighborhood briefings in advance of our public meeting on June 19th. We have also conducted a focus group comprised of local officials and neighbors, published and mailed approximately 900 copies of an extensive "Frequently Asked Questions" brochure and established a web site all to promote the dissemination of accurate and up-to-date information. As you know, we also offered to help fund an independent review of our project which was not accepted.

It is unfortunate that in past months misinformation has circulated about this project, whether intentional or non-intentional. I am sure that you and the Commissioners realize the importance of having open and accurate communication to promote productive public discourse. If you, or any resident at any time have a question or concern regarding our initiative, please do not hesitate to contact me and I will be pleased to provide you with an informed response.

With warm regards,



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Vice President for Administrative Services
and External Affairs

cc: Manheim Township Commissioners
East Hempfield Supervisors
Lancaster Township Supervisors
Kathy Ashworth