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Re: Request for Retraction

Dear Ms. Joseph:

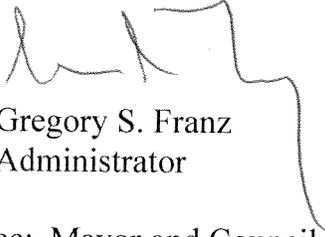
I am writing to you on behalf of the Borough of Edgewater in regard to the most recent inaccurate story which appeared in The Record, dated December 11, 2014. A letter is attached from our Environmental Consultant, First Environment, outlining what was discussed and presented to the Edgewater Mayor and Council on December 9, a meeting which your reporter attended. In the Record article, no mention is made that the reason some soil is being recommended to remain in place is because of significant ground water infiltration. What this plainly means is that when the material is excavated, the excavation fills with water making it difficult to further excavate without substantial dewatering. Ground water is being encountered at approximately 4 to 5 feet in some areas, creating a challenge for our remediation plan. Due to these conditions our Environmental Consultant, First Environment, has recommended to leave some material at depth in these limited areas that are below the water table. This material would be capped with clay material at depth, and in some cases, at the surface with proposed infrastructure (i.e., asphalt paving and concrete sidewalks and curbs). We would further like to stress that approximately 4 to 5 feet of certified clean quarry-derived material will be placed on top of the clay to be further protective of human health and the environment.

What is most disturbing to the Borough of Edgewater is the way the story of December 11th is written, which leads the reader to interpret that the Borough has changed its original scope of work leaving contaminated fill in place. This is simply not accurate. The water table has created a challenge in some areas and the Borough is simply

addressing this in the most efficient and cost effective manner. By no means did the Borough authorize that fill above 0.2 parts per million remain.

The Borough demands that a clarifying story be published immediately.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gregory S. Franz'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail that extends downwards and to the right.

Gregory S. Franz
Administrator

cc: Mayor and Council
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