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FINAL REPLY:

Senator John F. Kerry

TO:

Rathbun, OCA

FOR SIGNATURE OF : ** GRN ** CRC NO: 06-0291

Strosnider, NMSS

DESC:

ROUTING:

GSA Site Clean-up - Depleted Uranium Chips
(State Senator Steven A. Tolman)

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Collins, RI
Schmidt, OCA

DATE: 06/13/06

ASSIGNED TO: CONTACT:
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SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS OR REMARKS:

Respond directly to constituent and cc's. Senator Kerry. Forward Senator Kerry's copy for OCA to dispatch.

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ACTION OFFICE: EDO

AUTHOR: SEN John Kerry
AFFILIATION: CONG
ADDRESSEE: Mr. Dennis Rathbun
SUBJECT: Constituent correspondence - concerns land located in Watertown referred to as the GSA Site

ACTION: ~~Direct Reply~~ EDO
DISTRIBUTION: RF, OCA to Ack.

LETTER DATE: 05/30/2006
ACKNOWLEDGED: No
SPECIAL HANDLING: In addition to reply to constituent, also send a copy to Tyke Crowley at Senator Kerry's Boston office

NOTES:
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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-2102

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May 30, 2006

Dennis K. Rathbun
Director
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Office of Congressional Affairs
Washington, DC 20555-0001

Dear Mr. Rathbun,

I am forwarding to you a copy of a correspondence from Mr. Steven Tolman regarding his concerns about the land located on Greenough Boulevard between Grove Street and the Arsenal Street Bridge in Watertown, MA..

It is the desire of this office to be responsive to all inquiries and communications. I respectfully ask for your assistance in resolving the issues outlined in the attached correspondence.

In addition to sending a reply directly to Mr. Tolman, please convey a copy of your response to Tyke Crowley of my Boston office.

I thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,



John F. Kerry
United States Senator

Enclosures: Mr. Tolman's Letter
JFK/fbc



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May 19, 2006

Senator John Kerry
One Bowdoin Square
Boston, MA 02114

Dear Senator Kerry:

I write regarding the 11.91 acres of land located on Greenough Boulevard between Grove Street and the Arsenal Street Bridge in Watertown referred to as the "GSA (General Services Administration) Site." This site is of great concern to me, the residents of Watertown, neighboring communities, and to the health of future generations in the Commonwealth.

The property, adjacent to the Charles River and Sawins Pond, was acquired by the United States Army from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in the early 1920's with a clause stipulating that if and when the Army no longer had a need for the site, ownership of it would revert back to the Commonwealth. The GSA site remained largely unused until after WWII, when the Metropolitan District Commission (MDC) permitted the Army's filling activities on the site to be expanded. At that time the Army designated the northern portion of the GSA site for the stabilization of depleted uranium (DU) chips. This contaminated the site. Even after the hazardous DU chips were no longer dumped and incinerated on the site, the land was further contaminated by lead and other chemicals stored there.

The Commonwealth gained the parcel of land back from the United States Army in 1967. Subsequently, the property was transferred to the GSA as part of the Arsenal phase-down. Soon thereafter, the site was tested and the Argonne National Laboratory concluded that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission release criteria had not been met. Despite the fact that the Army has attempted to clean the site, it is still hazardous and young children are advised to stay off the parkland all together.

The site should be cleaned thoroughly so that anyone who wants to use the land can do so without fear of contaminating themselves or their children. In light of the seriousness of the situation, I am requesting your help in receiving federal funds to clean the remainder of site.

Sincerely,

Steven A. Tolman



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