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**Cc:** Charette, Carol A NAE; Michael Yunits; Keith Silver; Ron O'Reilly  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: Shpack Landfill (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Scott,

Thank you for getting back to me/us.

Attorney Michael Last has asked ERM to evaluate the situation.

While I only drive there on occasion - to check on Shpack, I did encounter impassable conditions on Peckham Street recently.

I agree there has always been a problem with some road flooding, but Ron O'Reilly who has lived nearby on Union Rd. for 20+ years said it is worse now than ever.

Norton and Attleboro's highway superintendent have confirmed the same.

Whatever the reason, if the PRP Group/ERM decide it is not their responsibility - the City of Attleboro will have to bite the bullet and proceed with a design/engineering study for Peckham Street for a capitol improvements project to alleviate the problem which is extremely dangerous.

Mayor Dumas has been away - returning Monday. He is in the best position to get assistance from the PRP Group/ERM, or lead the way for the Attleboro City Planner and DPW to get more involved.

Again, thanks for your input.

Hope you enjoy the holidays, and best wishes for the New Year,  
Heather

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Subject: RE: Shpack Landfill (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Hi Heather.

I'm glad you got to meet Carol. She's working hard to digest the history and will definitely help you however we can as move to close out the FUSRAP project and turn things back to DOE.

I'm not sure if you recall, but there always has been a flood problem in that area. We installed culverts in order to alleviate some of the water flow issues. We extended a pipe line and culvert to transfer water from the road to the site. We always had a pump inside the catch basin to move the water faster to the other side of the site but since we demobilized and shut down the pump, the surface water has to flow by gravity and so can flood the road. The culverts were left in place and are shown on the attached figure.

We didn't change the flow patterns of the site - we restored the site to the original grades. The pump just allowed us to move more water, more quickly.

A short term solution could be a pump, however, that requires power and someone to check it regularly. A better solution would be perform road and drainage repairs to better move the runoff that ponds in that low area.

I hope that helps.

If we don't talk, I wish a happy holiday.

Scott

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-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]]  
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Shpack Landfill

Scott,

I enjoyed meeting and speaking with Carol Charette at our December 3rd meeting.

But hoping you can still help with an issue that was addressed when you were Project Manager.

There is a severe flooding problem occurring on Peckham Street in Attleboro at the Norton Line. According to Norton resident and CAST member Ron O'Reilly - it is worse than any experienced before.

I expect the excess water is coming from ALI.

Work at the Shpack Site: installment of metal sheeting, a change in grading, new fill, and plantings by ERM for wetlands restoration all may be contributing factors.

It was my hope the remediation action would in some ways decrease the amount of contaminated groundwater flowing from ALI to Shpack - a good thing in my opinion.

But the flooding on Peckham Street is so severe that the road is at times impassable. Drivers attempting to avoid deep water on the pavement - try to go around it, and get stuck.

At our December 3rd meeting for principals - Jason Flattery of ERM stated that they had removed extra metal sheeting which was installed by them when cleaning out the ALI Debris Area, but left in place the sheeting installed by the Army Corps.

Norton's Town Manager speaking for our Highway Superintendent complained about the road flooding.

I believe Jason also mentioned that the Corps had installed a pumping device to divert some excess water from the area to Chartley Swamp. Was that primarily to resolve road flooding issues?

Attorney Michael Last said that there was nothing in the Consent Order relative to road conditions post closure. Last also stated that the PRP Group/ERM etc. were confident that they had left it somewhat better than the original condition. Unfortunately this just isn't so, and we have a very dangerous situation down there.

Norton has taken the lead on this (surprise!) when it really should be Attleboro.

Was hoping, without spending too much time on it that you could provide some insight...

I am wondering if a piece of pumping equipment is the answer, at least for the short term.

Based on Attorney Last's 'sticking to the book', I would not be surprised if the PRP Group says this is not their responsibility to fix.

Should that be the case, the City of Attleboro may have to bite the bullet and fund whatever corrective actions are necessary.

I advised Norton's Town Manager that Mayor Dumas is in the best position to handle any problems that remain. Attleboro is a participating PRP, Michael Last and ERM work for the PRP Group, Mayor Dumas has been personally involved with that side of the project, going forward Attleboro is responsible for O&M at the Shpack Site, and the flooding is primarily affecting Peckham St. in Attleboro.

If Mayor Dumas (with Norton acting in a supporting role) cannot get the PRP Group to cooperate on this matter, and EPA says they have successfully completed their cleanup - it will be up to the City of Attleboro to determine how to fix the road (redesign, engineer and perhaps fund as a capitol improvements project).

In the meantime, it would be helpful just to hear how the Army Corps dealt with some road flooding issues. Was a pump key to at least a temporary fix?

It is hard for me to believe the metal sheeting installed by the Corps is causing the problem, since that has been in place for so long. More likely all the changes made to the site, particularly by ERM recently...

Sorry to be a pest!

Any information you can provide would be greatly appreciated.

Just when I thought things were going pretty well at Shpack...

Regards,

Heather

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