

## PASSAIC RIVER COALITION

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Ms. Mindy Munford New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Office of Community Relations PO Box 413 Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0413

Dear Ms. Mumford:

<u>Letter of Intent – Technical Assistance Grant for DuPont Pompton Lakes Works: Site ID: 2177; Pl Number: 007411 at 2000 Cannonball Road, Pompton Lakes, New Jersey</u>

The Passaic River Coalition (PRC) is a watershed association, established in 1969, and incorporated in 1971, to deal with issues related to water resources management. In 1980, the PRC's Board of Trustees established a Ground Water Protection Committee (GWPC), which has since that time worked on ground water research, policy, and education within the Passaic River Watershed in which Pompton Lakes is located.

The GWPC has been involved in having the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency designate the Buried Valley Aquifer Systems of the Central Passaic River Basin, the Highlands Aquifer, and the Ramapo Aquifer as "sole source" aquifers under Section 1424 (e) of the Safe Drinking Water Act.

We have also completed comprehensive reports on the Buried Valley Aquifer Systems, and formulate the wellhead protection ordinance currently adopted by NJ DEP as a model municipal ordinance.

Our Committee has always produced documents with the oversight of our senior scientist, Anne L. Kruger, Ph.D., whose doctoral thesis concentrated on toxic pollutants in ground water. (See resume attached)

We have been following the issues of ground water contamination in Pompton Lakes for many years, and offer our services to help the people of the area, the State of New Jersey, and the US Environmental Protection Agency in attaining a satisfactory process whereby this difficult situation may be resolved.

We intend to review data already collected and provide an opinion on the manner in which it was collected and what it means overall. The approach to a settlement will also

be evaluated from a strict scientific basis. We will work with the public and government officials to provide a clean and succinct approach to the issues now and in the future. The issues related to public health and safety must be foremost in the strategy of this TAG grant.

We look forward to hearing from you with regard on how you wish to succeed. We look forward to hearing from you.

Very truly yours,

Ella F. Filippone

Executive Director

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