



STATE OF MAINE  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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COMMISSIONER

November 9, 2005

Town of Thomaston  
Mr. Valmore Blastow, Jr., Town Manager  
P.O. Box 299  
Thomaston, Maine 04861-0299

Re: Former Maine State Prison, Main, Wadsworth and Ship Streets,  
Thomaston, Maine-Voluntary Response Action Program ("VRAP") No  
Further Action Assurance Letter

Mr. Blastow:

The Maine Department of Environmental Protection (hereinafter the "Department") has received and reviewed the environmental site assessment report for the former Maine State Prison property, which is located at Main, Wadsworth and Ship Streets in Thomaston, Maine. The reports were prepared by Emery & Garrett Groundwater, Inc. ("EGGI") and submitted to the Voluntary Response Action Program ("VRAP") with the request that the Town of Thomaston, as an applicant to the VRAP, receive the protections from Department enforcement actions as provided by the VRAP law.

Based on the information presented in the reports, the Department considers no further investigation or remedial actions as necessary at the property at this time. The environmental assessment report did not identify any recognized environmental conditions that would require any further actions.

Therefore, the Town of Thomaston, as an applicant to the VRAP, is granted the liability protections provided pursuant to Title 38 MRSA § 343-E, including contribution protection provided in 38 MRSA § 343-E(5). The Department will take no actions against the Town of Thomaston and/or those persons identified in 38 MRSA § 343-E(6), provided that a copy of this letter for the property is recorded with the Knox County Registry of Deeds. A copy of the recorded document shall be provided to the Department's VRAP.

The description of the property included in the VRAP program is as follows:

AUGUSTA 17 STATE HOUSE STATION AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0017 (207) 287-7688 RAY BLDG., HOSPITAL ST.	BANGOR 106 HOGAN ROAD BANGOR, MAINE 04401 (207) 941-4370 FAX: (207) 941-4584	PORTLAND 312 CANCO ROAD PORTLAND, MAINE 04103 (207) 822-6300 FAX: (207) 822-6303	PRESQUE ISLE 1235 CENTRAL DRIVE, SKYWAY PARK PRESQUE ISLE, MAINE 04769-2094 (207) 764-0477 FAX: 764-1507
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Being all that parcel of land depicted on a survey map entitled "Former Site of the Maine State Prison, Main Street, Wadsworth Street, Ship Street, Kossuth Street, Thomaston, Maine, 2005" by Landmark Corporation, Surveyors and Engineers, K. Mike Barbour, PLS, #2068.

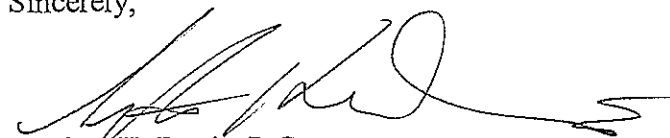
The land to be conveyed to the Town of Thomaston is depicted on the above map and shown there as Lot A, and also a very small triangular lot of land adjacent to Lot I shown on said plan. The land to be conveyed to the Town of Thomaston from the State of Maine is part of the property described in a deed from William King to the State of Maine recorded at Book 23, Page 498 in the Lincoln Records in Knox Lands, the property described in a deed from Lucretia B. Robinson to the State of Maine recorded at Book 31, Page 187, in the Knox County Registry of Deeds, and a deed from Anna R. Dillingham to the State of Maine recorded at Book 172, Page 561, in the Knox County Registry of Deeds, and a deed from Robert H. Thompson to the State of Maine recorded at Book 457, Page 322, in the Knox County Registry of Deeds.

The VRAP program does not include property located on the northerly side of Main Street, but it includes property located on the southerly side of Main Street as depicted on said map.

It should be understood that the VRAP liability protections under 38 M.R.S.A. § 343-E are limited to investigation and cleanup liability as provided in that law and to the environmental conditions addressed by the environmental reports submitted to the VRAP program, and issued based on the conditions established in 38 M.R.S.A. § 343-E. VRAP liability protections under 38 M.R.S.A. § 343-E do not limit the DEP's enforcement authorities for non-compliance with other laws administered by the Department.

If you have any questions regarding the contents of this letter, please feel free to contact Nicholas Hodgkins of my staff at 207-287-4854.

Sincerely,



Stephen K. Davis, P.G.  
Director  
Bureau of Remediation & Waste Management

Cc: Peter Garrett, EGGI  
Paul Gibbons, Gibbons & Calderwood  
P. Andrew Hamilton, Eaton Peabody  
Nicholas Hodgkins, Maine DEP

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KENNEBEC, ss.,

November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2005

Then personally appeared the above-named Stephen K. Davis, Director, Bureau of Remediation & Waste Management of the Maine Department of Environmental Protection and duly authorized delegee for the Commissioner, and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be his free act and deed, and the free act and deed of the Department of Environmental Protection.

Before me,

Laura L. Gay  
Notary Public

Laura L. Gay  
(Print name)