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**M E M O R A N D U M**

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TO: Horatio B. Hackett School Community  
Todd M Kimmel, Principal  
Mark Squilla, Councilmember, District 1

FROM: Steve Talbott, Executive Program Director

SUBJECT: Hackett School Stormwater Improvement Project-Contaminated Soils

In preparation for a stormwater improvement project at Horatio B. Hackett School, the School District of Philadelphia, through the Office of Environmental Management and Services, hired Kleinfelder to conduct a routine soil sampling of the site in accordance with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) Management of Fill policy.

Soil samples were collected in the areas of planned stormwater improvement, and laboratory analysis demonstrated elevated concentrations of benzo(a)pyrene, benzo(b)fluoranthene, and lead, which were above the PADEP Clean Fill Criteria. These compounds including lead are very common urban fill contaminants found throughout the City of Philadelphia.

A plan has been developed to remove the urban fill impacted soils from the site in conjunction with the stormwater improvement project. The soil will be properly disposed of as regulated fill at a permitted facility in accordance with PADEP guidelines. Clean fill will be imported, as needed, to replace the contaminated soils that are removed.

The overall environmental condition of the site will be improved by removing urban fill impacted soils and replacing them with clean fill. In addition, the new stormwater management will improve the site conditions for stormwater runoff for neighboring properties. There are also anticipated benefits of additional green space and increased biodiversity upon completion of the Stormwater Improvement project.

Sincerely,

Steve Talbott