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*Via Email*

Wilson Darbin, Project Manager  
City of Springfield - Office of Planning and Economic Development  
70 Tapley Street  
Springfield, MA 0110

**RE: STATE LETTER OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT**  
City of Springfield – Brownfields Cleanup Grant  
ES Pinevale Street, Springfield [RTN 1-00170]  
Assessor Map Identification Number 097550086

Dear Mr. Darbin:

I am writing to support the application submitted by the City of Springfield under the Fiscal Year 2024 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Brownfield Cleanup Grant Program. We understand that the City of Springfield is proposing to undertake cleanup activities at the subject property, ES Pinevale Street, which is a portion of the former Chapman Valve Manufacturing Company project area where historic manufacture of specialty metal valves (circa 1870's through 1990's) resulted in releases of contaminants to the environment on the property.

The City took ownership of the property through tax taking in 2013, and the property is enrolled in the Massachusetts voluntary cleanup program. According to information provided by the City and their consultant, the level of assessment conducted to date is sufficient to design and initiate the proposed cleanup activities.

In Massachusetts, state and federal agencies have developed strong partnerships and work together to ensure that parties undertaking Brownfield projects have access to available resources and incentives. The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP), through our regional offices, provides technical support to Brownfield project proponents when regulatory issues arise. If this proposal is selected, MassDEP will work with our state and federal partners to support the City of Springfield to help make this project a success.

We greatly appreciate EPA's continued support of Brownfield efforts in Massachusetts.

Sincerely,

David Foss, CPG, LSP

Statewide Brownfields Coordinator, Bureau of Waste Site Cleanup

cc: Dorrie Paar, US EPA  
Brian Connors, City of Springfield  
Caprice Shaw, MassDEP Western Regional Office

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