



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Levittown, N.Y. 11756

Dear [Redacted]

I am in receipt of your e-mail, dated January 8, 2009, to former Regional Administrator, Alan Steinberg, in which you express your concern regarding a potential breach in confidentiality by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Specifically, you claim that a breach in confidentiality was created when a copy of Regional Administrator Alan Steinberg's response to an inquiry from Congressman Peter King, on your behalf, was supplied to Mr. James Parla, Superintendent of the Island Trees Union Free School District. EPA recognizes the importance of constituent confidentiality and has taken steps to ensure that, to the extent practicable, this will not occur again.

My office has worked cooperatively with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), the Nassau County Department of Health (NCDOH) and the Island Trees Union Free School District since you first contacted us in December 2007 to ensure that appropriate actions have been taken to maintain the health and well-being of students and staff at Island Trees High School. After careful evaluation and consideration of all the available information, EPA, as well as the NYSDEC, NCDOH, and NYSDOH, determined that it was safe for students, staff and parents to occupy Island Trees High School.

This letter will conclude EPA's communication with you and EPA's involvement with the Island Trees High School. We are confident that this matter is being handled by competent representatives of the other agencies involved. Please contact these agencies in the future if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George Pavlou".

George Pavlou
Acting Regional Administrator

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