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August 5, 2016

Commissioner Basil Seggos
N.Y.S. Dept. of Environmental Conservation
625 Broadway
Albany, New York 12233

Dear Commissioner Seggos,

I write to you regarding the contamination of the Dzus Superfund Site, Willets Creek, and Lake Capri in West Islip, New York.

Since our public forum on March 23, 2016, a plastic, construction type fence has been installed along Willets Creek behind the Ace Hardware Shopping Plaza to serve as a visible barrier to the contaminated areas. Unfortunately, this fence has been cut twice and individuals continue to have open access to Willets Creek. While no barrier is full-proof, and I understand that a greater physical barrier comes at an increased cost, I join many members of the West Islip community in advocating for a more substantial structure, such as a chain link fence, to be constructed in this specific location.

I truly appreciate all the positive steps that have been taken by the Department of Environmental Conservation to ensure that a timely and effective cleanup of these sites is properly completed once and for all. In closing, I respectfully request the Department of Environmental Conservation construct a more substantial fence in this area in order to prevent access to the contaminated soils, and thus, help ensure the continued health and safety of our students and children.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Phil Boyle".

Phil Boyle
Member of the Senate

Cc: Carrie Meek Gallagher, Regional Director, N.Y.S. D.E.C. Region 1
Superintendent Bernadette Burns, West Islip School District
West Islip Residents for Environmental Safety (W.I.R.E.S)