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I am writing to you on about a chemical known as PentaChloroPhenol. I have attached just a small sample of information about this chemical and its carcinogenic impacts on our environment. I am requesting your support in taking a position to not support the EPA reregistration of PentaChloroPhenol currently underway.

Between September and December of 2014 the EPA is evaluating and considering approval to reregister this chemical. It should be noted that PentaChloroPhenol is banned in 26 countries due to its health and environmental impacts. The United States remains the only county supporting its use and to that end only for utility pole service. PentaChloroPhenol has been banned for all other use in the United States including building homes (log homes), school yards (play sets), glues and more.

With your support I will add your letter to the growing supporters and consolidate the concerns to the EPA who I am working with directly related to PentaChloroPhenol in our Town of North Hempstead. I have attached the letter from the Port Washington Water District. This letter is well written and will service to communicate the concerns to the EPA. Please feel free to either copy the verbiage or simply agree with the Port Washington Water Districts assessment.

I would like to close by reminding you that there are thousands of aging poles in the Town of North Hempstead. PSEG is currently installing these very toxic smelling poles in our neighborhoods within 30 feet of bedrooms windows and near the front doors of restaurants as well as near commercial and rental buildings.

Quite simply there are alternatives to PentaChloroPhenol utility poles. The best example is to see the work that the Long Island Rail Road is doing installing a fiber composite poles and removing all PentaChlorPhenol utility poles. These alternatives can be safely places in and along our sidewalks and near our homes. These non-chemical poles could be used when near a water well or near storm drains. There simply are alternatives to continuing to use 100 year old technology and methods of installing highly toxic chemical utility poles.

Thank you again for your help and support. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions I would be happy to meet with you personally to discuss and explain in detail issues and alternative solutions.

Sincerely

Chuck Idol

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cc: Port Washington Water District



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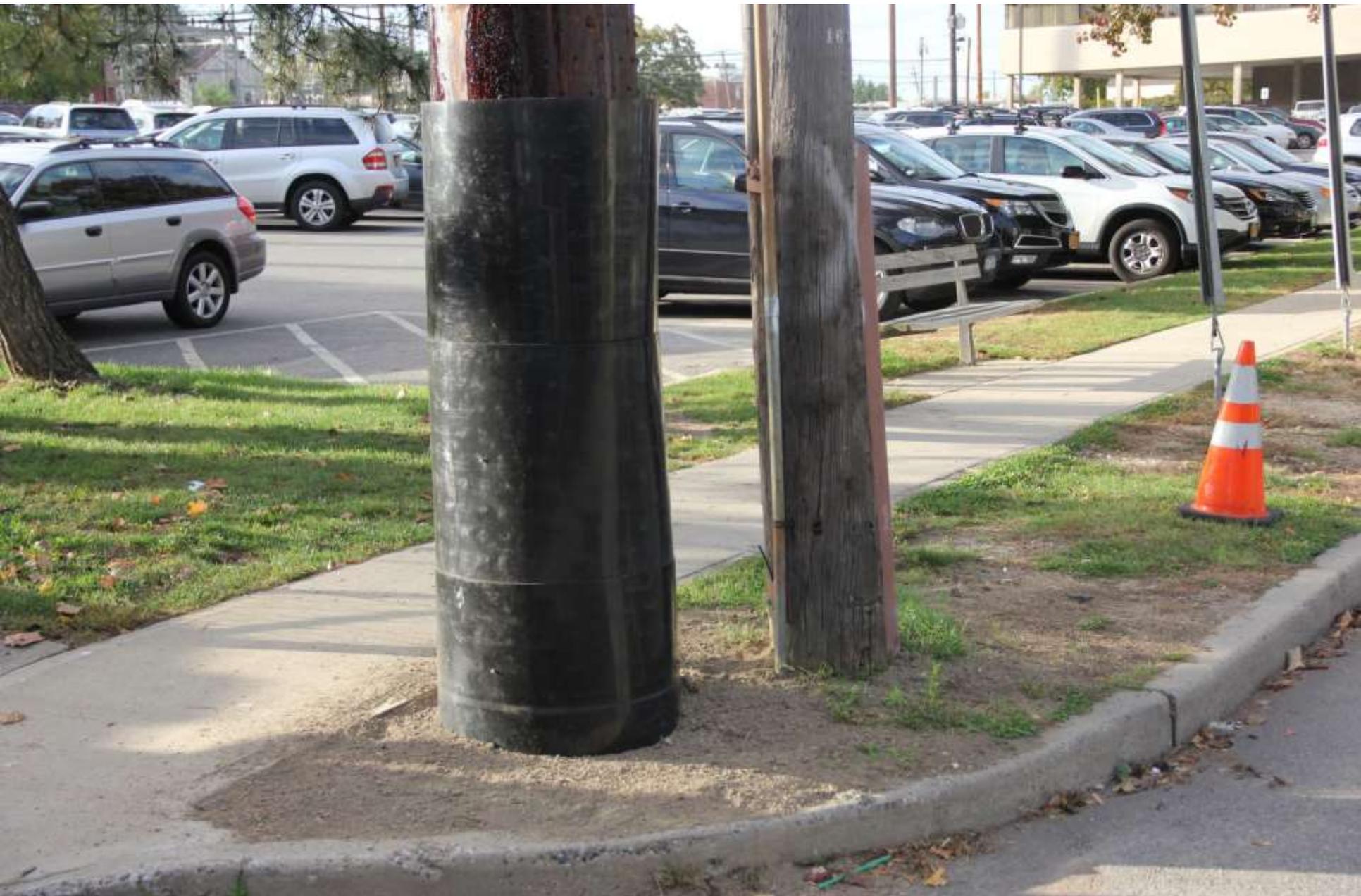


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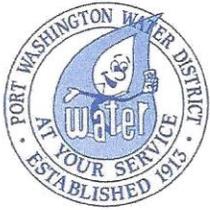


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October 1, 2014

Mr. Chuck Idol

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Port Washington, NY 11050

Re: Pentachlorophenol

Dear Mr. Idol:

We have received the information that you provided to our Superintendent with respect to the use of pentachlorophenol on utility poles recently installed by PSEG. We share your concern about the continued use of this known toxin in any capacity within our environment.

You should be aware that the New York State Department of Health requires that all water suppliers collect routine water quality samples from water supply wells, which include many constituents of concern, including pentachlorophenol. The District has been collecting these water quality samples from each of our wells on a quarterly basis for many years. Fortunately, we have not observed any measurable quantity of pentachlorophenol at any of our wells to date. We will continue to collect these samples into the future to confirm that our groundwater supply remains unaffected.

The Port Washington Water District would like to take this opportunity to urge the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) to outlaw the use of pentachlorophenol completely. We are therefore copying this letter to USEPA and others to bring this issue to the forefront.

We appreciate you bringing this important development to our attention. If you have any further questions, please feel free to call Italo Vacchio, Superintendent.

Sincerely,
Port Washington Water District

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