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Mr. Thomas T. Martin
Regional Administrator
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Dear Mr. Martin,

I am writing in regard to the need for testing at Filipello Park in Watertown, Massachusetts.

As you know, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the Department of Public Health (DPH) have requested that the NRC surface test Filipello Park for radioactive contamination.

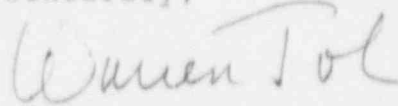
The park is on the site of a former Watertown landfill, which the Army Materials Technology Laboratory used for waste and garbage disposal into the 1970's. Starting in 1946, depleted uranium and other radioactive materials were used throughout the laboratories. The DEP and the DPH have issued the request for testing because of the absence of documentation indicating the final destination of these licensed materials. According to DEP and DPH, it is possible that a portion of those radioactive materials was disposed of at the Watertown landfill at Filipello Park.

I am sure you can understand the community concern with the possibility of radioactive contamination at one of our public parks. I strongly urge you to address these concerns by conducting a documented survey for surface contamination at Filipello Park. Public confidence has already been damaged by the release of the General Services Administration (GSA) property with an insufficient survey and the problems with Arsenal Marketplace. It is critical for us to show the community that there is no immediate danger at the Filipello Park site.

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Thank you in advance for your attention to this important matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or if I can be of assistance in any way.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Warren Tolman".

WARREN E. TOLMAN

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cc: Congressman Joseph P. Kennedy, II