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February 9, 2013

Carolyn Ann Fusaro
Remediation Section
CT DEEP
79 Elm St.
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Dear Ms. Fusaro:

As a Fairfield resident, I am writing with my concerns about the Exide excavation of Mill River. They are not planning to replace the contaminated silt with clean fill so that the bottom will not be repaired afterwards and the holes will fill up with dead vegetation and organic debris creating a non-productive environment. In addition, they are requesting a permit to dredge during the spawning season of fish and crabs.

From what I understand, the dredging project will be handled by whomever Exide engages without any plans to monitor the water quality downstream of the remediation area in Southport Harbor during and after the project. It is unclear how the recovery of the affected resources can be determined without baseline data concerning existing conditions in the areas to be affected.

I believe that I am not alone in these concerns and would hope that before any permits are granted that these important areas of concern are taken into account.

Thank you for your consideration.



Hilary Michaels

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