



## TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER

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Dear Coaches and Parents:

It has been brought to my attention that some of you may have questions about the public health safety of the Veterans Memorial Park baseball fields. Please be advised that these fields are safe.

Historically, this site was occupied by the Whippany Paperboard Stoney Brook Mill. After the demolition of the mill some contamination of the soil was observed at some locations. Hanover Renaissance, LLC was responsible for remediating this site. The remediation plan, which was approved by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP), included the excavation and removal of areas of higher contamination and the regrading and capping of the areas of lesser contamination. The material that remains covered on-site is characterized by low grade contamination typical of a remediated industrial site. The capping, or engineering control, involved the regrading of the site to match ball-field subgrade elevations; a geotextile fabric was then placed on the entire regraded site and a two-foot layer of clean soil was placed on top of the geotextile. The two feet of clean soil and the underlying geotextile fabric completely separate the regraded site from the ball-field playing surface.

The remediation of this site was conducted under the direct oversight of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. The Township of Hanover also hired Hatch, Mott, MacDonald (a professional engineering company) to oversee the entire remediation process to assure the Township that the remediation was conducted in compliance with NJDEP requirements and to the satisfaction of the Township of Hanover Health Department.

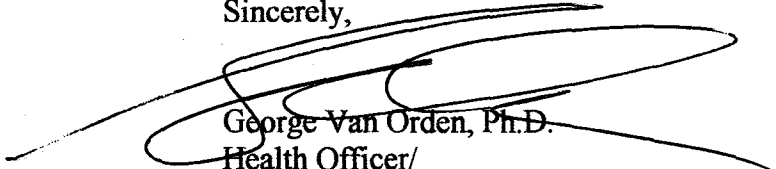
The remediation of this site (which includes the ball fields) was completed in February of 2008 and approved by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (by issuing a "No Further Action Letter") on April 28, 2009. This means that the NJDEP, through their analysis of all the scientific and engineering data, determined that the clean-up was complete and the Park and baseball fields can be used by the public.

One condition of the NJDEP's "No Further Action Letter" is that every two years the owner (Hanover Renaissance, LLC) is required to conduct an inspection of this site and certify to the NJDEP that the engineering controls mentioned above continue to be protective of public health, safety and the environment. The Township of Hanover Health Department will make sure that this is done and the fields continue to be safe.

Also, any excavation through the cover (cap) can only be completed in accordance with the explicit approval of the NJDEP. The pile of soil you see beyond the center field fences (which is being temporarily stored under NJDEP approval) is soil which was removed from below the cap during the installation of the fence posts. This soil is both covered and fenced off. This soil will be returned under the cap once the score board is completed (within the next few weeks).

Please contact me at 973-428-2485 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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