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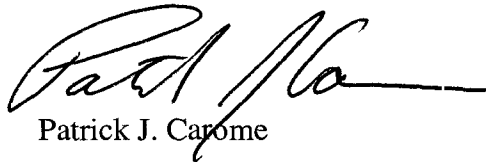
Re: *BZA Appeal No. 17285*

Dear Ms. Kress:

Enclosed please find twenty copies of an additional item for documentary evidence to be included in the above-referenced file. To the extent that there is any issue with respect to the timeliness of this submission, I request that it be waived for the reasons set forth in footnote 10 on page 53 of the brief that we filed earlier this week.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



Patrick J. Carome

Enclosures

cc by fax w/enclosures: Richard L. Aguglia, Esq.
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Attn: Patrick J. Carome

Re: 4825 Dexter Terrace N.W.

Job No. 2005-00-16

Gentlemen:

You have asked that we review the large wall structure constructed along park service property at the subject project.

The structure is a large geostructure type wall relying on earth characteristics and gravity for support in an acceptable bootstraps approach.

We noted several items of importance regarding this structure:

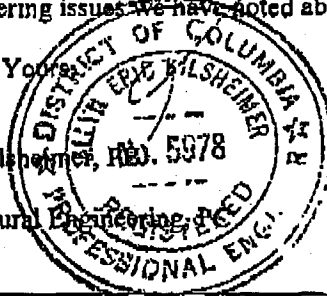
- Was a gravel drainage course installed along the back of the wall as it was constructed with a fabric drainage protective layer?
- Was the backfill material of a classification that was as required by the design?
- Are the weep hole drains (very limited) acceptable to the design engineer for the wall?
- Has the design engineer for the wall viewed the broken wall components especially at the base of the tallest section of the wall?
- We understand the "bulges" evident in the wall have occurred over time and may be increasing overtime in magnitude and number- has the design engineer reviewed the problem?

Our concern with a wall of the height and proximity to a running path is that, should it experience a failure, not only would it affect the space and people below but also the houses and their environs at the high grade behind the wall.

The engineering issues we have noted above should be carefully reviewed and responded to.

Very Truly Yours,

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