



## Town of North Kingstown, Rhode Island

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Christina Hoefsmit, Esq.  
Administrator  
Office of Compliance and Inspection  
RI Department of Environmental Management  
235 Promenade Street  
Providence, RI 02908

Re: Town of North Kingstown  
Odor Complaint  
Quonset Development Corporation

Dear Administrator Hoefsmit,

Please be advised that the North Kingstown Town Council has authorized me as Town Solicitor of the Town of North Kingstown to file an odor complaint with the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management Office of Compliance and Inspection.

At a recent North Kingstown Town Council meeting residents expressed significant concerns with odors allegedly emanating from property within the Quonset Development Corporation-Quonset Business Park. The vast majority of complainants appear to reside in the Davisville area of North Kingstown.

Notably, based on the statements from the residents, the odor has ceased since the onset of winter. The complaints were most prevalent during the warmer months of the year.

Admittedly, the Town of North Kingstown has no evidence or data, beyond the resident complaints, to pinpoint the source of the odor. Residents have alleged that the odor source emanates from the area of 275 Compass Circle, North Kingstown, Rhode Island, 02852. Bitumar, a producer and distributor of asphalt products, operates from that location. Again, the Town of North Kingstown has no independent evidence to pinpoint the odor source.

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*North Kingstown is honored to be **Rhode Island's only and official American World War II Heritage City**, a designation bestowed by the U.S. National Park Service in 2024, recognizing the significant transformation within our community in support our country's historic role in World War II and our ongoing commitment to preserve that history.*



However the Town Council determined it has a duty to its residents to contact your office regarding these odor issues.

As you are aware, RIDEM has a regulation (250-RICR-120-05-17) that prohibits odors. Specifically, no person shall emit or cause to be emitted into the atmosphere any air contaminant or combination of air contaminants which creates an objectionable odor beyond the property line of said person.

On behalf of the Town of North Kingstown we would appreciate an investigation by your office into these complaints. We can provide any further details on this issue at your request.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



James M. Callaghan  
Town Solicitor  
Town of North Kingstown

