

May 12, 1994

Engineering Division

Mr. Kent Johnson
New York Department of
Environmental Conservation
50 Wolf Road
Albany, New York 12233-7251

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Reference is made to a telephone conversation between yourself and Ms. Justina Wesley, of this office, on May 5, 1994, regarding status of the transition of the Former Lake Ontario Ordnance Works (LOOW) site under the Defense Environmental Restoration Program (DERP)/Formerly Used Defense Sites (FUDS) Project No. CO2NY0025, from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Kansas City District to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District. A synopsis of the events are as follows:

On April 19, 1994, a meeting took place at Acres International Corporation, in Amherst, New York. The purpose of the meeting was to provide an update on the project status, introduce the Baltimore District personnel who will be assuming responsibility for the project, and establish an agreed upon scope of remaining work to complete the project.

The site background and project history were discussed in detail using historic aerial photographs and site plans. A summary of the RI/FS phases of work completed to date, were discussed. Locations of alleged DOD contamination, that have not been investigated to date, were discussed. These areas are those claimed by Chemical Waste Management Corporation (CWM) to be areas relating to former DOD activities at the site. These areas would most likely have to be addressed as part of the future site phases, possibly the establishment of a separate Operable Unit (OU3).

The need for an Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis (EE/CA) was discussed. The EE/CA would include Interim Remedial Action (IRA) for removal of the source areas identified at OU2 and include OU1 areas and the TNT pipelines. The Scope of Work (SOW) for the EE/CA is currently being prepared with an estimated completion date of May 30, 1994. Copies of the SOW will be furnished to you for review and comment to ensure that all regulatory requirements are met.

On April 20, 1994, The Corps of Engineers and Acres traveled to the site for a tour. Background information was provided by Mr. Connare (Acres International) for the areas discussed during the meeting of April 19, 1994.

The following order of priorities has been established for the remaining project activities:

- a. Completion of the EE/CA which will include:
 - OU1 areas requiring remediation;
 - OU2 source areas;
 - TNT pipelines; and
 - Asbestos materials on the Somerset Property.

Specific on-site asbestos materials that may pose a risk and require removal will have to be defined.

b. Based on the EE/CA, prepare construction documents for IRA.

c. Scope the requirements for the Baseline Risk Assessment (BRA).

d. Implement Phase 2 of the OU2 investigations to fill any data gaps.

e. Complete the BRA.

f. Complete the RI Report for OU2.

g. Complete the FS for OU2.

Please direct all inquires regarding this project to Ms. Justina Wesley, Design Manager, at (410) 962-6734.

Sincerely,

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