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Mr. Ken Feathers
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Department of Environmental Protection
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**SUBJECT: REVISED DRAFT RI WORK PLAN
STRATFORD ARMY ENGINE PLANT
CBDCOM CONTRACT NO. DAAM-02-97-D-0005
DELIVERY ORDER NO. 0007**

Dear Mr. Feathers,

Enclosed please find the Revised Draft Remedial Investigation Work Plan for the Stratford Army Engine Plant (SAEP). The enclosed document was prepared by Harding ESE, Inc., a MACTEC Company, under contract to the Chemical, Biological Defense Command, Contract Number DAAM-02-97-D-0005.

The enclosed work plan has been revised to incorporate comments from CTDEP, USEPA, and the Army on the October 2001 Draft RI Work Plan (Harding ESE, October 2001). Comments, and responses to those comments, on the Draft RI Work Plan are included as Attachment B of the enclosed revised work plan. In addition, the enclosed work plan has been revised to incorporate comments from CTDEP, USEPA, and the Army on the Draft RI Report (URSGWC, 2000). Responses to CTDEP and USEPA comments on the Draft RI Report (URSGWC, 2000) are being prepared and will be submitted at a later date under separate cover.

The following sections of the enclosed Work Plan have been added, or extensively modified, to address comments on both the Draft RI Work Plan (Harding ESE, October 2001) and Draft RI Report (URSGWC, 2000):

- Section 2.0 - Data Gaps and Data Quality Objectives
- Section 3.6 - Soil Sampling and Analyses
- Section 8.0 - Monitored Natural Attenuation
- Attachment B - Response to CTDEP and USEPA Comments on October 12, 2001 Draft RI Work Plan
- Attachment C - Draft Natural Attenuation Monitoring Plan

In order to maintain the proposed schedule of Revised Draft RI Report delivery to the Army by the end of September 2002, we are requesting that you review Section 3.6 - Soil Sampling and Analyses and provide verbal or e-mail comments as soon as possible, so that the field work can be scheduled in the next one to two weeks.

Since the Draft RI Work Plan was issued in October 2001, the following activities presented in the work plan have been completed at SAEP:

- Installed and developed 8 monitoring wells to further delineate the extent of deep VOC groundwater contamination, and
- Installed and developed 8 new monitoring wells to collect data in support of a VOC MNA remedial alternative.

As we discussed in our December 17, 2001 telephone call, groundwater profiling using a GeoProbe was conducted in place of the proposed monitoring wells HESE-01-11I and -11D.

Please review the Revised Draft RI Work Plan and provide comments to us by April 15th so that we may attempt to maintain the proposed schedule. Please call me at (207) 775-5401 x3637 if you have any questions or comments on this submittal.

Sincerely,

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