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UNITED STATES ARMY TANK-AUTOMOTIVE AND ARMAMENTS COMMAND
WARREN, MICHIGAN 48397-5000

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

January 10, 2002

Mr. Ken Feathers
State of Connecticut
Department of Environmental Protection
79 Elm Street
Hartford, CT 06106-5127

**SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO REGULATORY AGENCY COMMENTS
DRAFT RI WORK PLAN
ADDITIONAL GROUNDWATER INVESTIGATIONS
STRATFORD ARMY ENGINE PLANT**

Dear Mr. ^{ken}Feathers,

Enclosed please find the response to regulatory agency comments on the Draft Remedial Investigation Work Plan (October 12, 2001) 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 DAAAM-02-97-D-0005.

The following investigations proposed in the Draft Work Plan have been completed as of the end of December 2001:

- 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 you discussed in a December 17, 2001 telephone call with Rod Pendleton of Harding ESE, groundwater profiling using a GeoProbe was conducted in place of the proposed monitoring wells HESE-01-11I and -11D.

The U.S. Army is currently considering additional investigations relative to your comments dated November 21, 2001 on the Draft Remedial Investigation Report (URSGWC, 2000); therefore field investigations are being temporarily suspended until the scope of potential additional investigations is resolved.

Please call me at 203-385-4316 should you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John R. Burleson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mr. John R. Burleson
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Stratford Army Engine Plant

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