



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
BUREAU OF WATER MANAGEMENT
Permitting, Enforcement and Remediation Division



May 18, 2001

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RE: Stratford Army Engine Plant

APPROVAL OF PERMANENT COVER SYSTEM

The Permitting Enforcement and Remediation Division of the Bureau of Water Management ("Department") has reviewed the letter titled "Request for Approval of Permanent Cover System" dated April 18, 2001. The letter was prepared by Harding ESE on behalf of the United States Army. The letter was submitted in conjunction with a "Basis of Design, Causeway Non-time Critical Removal Action Design, Stratford Army Engine Plant, Stratford, Connecticut", dated January, 2001, which was prepared by Harding ESE on behalf of the US Army Tank-automotive & Armaments Command.

The letter and referenced design document describe a permanent erosion control structure to be installed upon a coastal causeway at the Stratford Army Engine Plant, Stratford, CT.

The above referenced structure is hereby approved as an alternative permanent structure meeting the requirements of Section 22a-133k-1 (a)(28) of Connecticut's Remediation Standard Regulations, when coupled with the placement of an Environmental Land Use Restriction preventing structure disturbance.

Nothing in this approval shall affect the Commissioner's authority to institute any proceeding, or take any action to prevent or abate pollution, to recover costs and natural resource damages, and to impose penalties for violations of law. If at any time the Commissioner determines that the approved actions have not fully characterized the extent and degree of pollution or have not successfully abated or prevented pollution, the Commissioner may institute any proceeding, or take any action to require further investigation or further action to prevent or abate pollution. This approval relates only to pollution or contamination on the site's causeway that is under the erosion control structure.

In addition, nothing in this approval shall relieve any person of his or her obligations under applicable federal, state and local law. Construction in the coastal zone is subject to Connecticut's Coastal Management Act, and the technical requirements of this statute apply.

If you have any questions pertaining to this matter, please contact Kenneth Feathers at (860) 424-3770.

Sincerely,

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Director

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