

STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION



Mr. Peter E. Szymanski Installation Manager Stratford Army Engine Plant 550 Main Street Stratford, CT 06615

October 7, 2008

Re: Transmittal Letter- Stewardship Permit

EPA ID No. CTD001181502

Permit No. DEP/HWM/CS-134-003

Dear Mr. Szymanski:

The Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has made a final permit decision in accordance with Chapters 439 and 446k of the Connecticut General Statutes (CGS) to issue the Stewardship Permit to the United States Army (U.S. Army) for the Stratford Army Engine Plant. This permit became effective on the date it was signed by the Commissioner and shall expire ten (10) years from that date. Included with this letter you will find the signed Stewardship Permit.

This permit regulates and authorizes the U.S. Army to complete environmental investigation and cleanup ("closure", "post closure care" and corrective action" measures) at the Stratford Army Engine Plant. The permit does <u>not</u> authorize the U.S. Army to accept waste or to operate the facility. The permit requires the U.S. Army to complete the closure, post-closure care and corrective action activities in accordance with a schedule, fulfill its cleanup obligations, and provide financial assurance for environmental cleanup.

The draft Stewardship Permit was public noticed on August 1, 2008 and the comment period closed at the end of the business day on September 15, 2008. The DEP received your comments dated September 15, 2008 addressing the draft permit. Your comments have been evaluated and are addressed by the DEP in the Response to Comments, Attachment A pursuant to Section 22a-449(c)-110(a)(2)(a)(KKK) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, incorporating 40 CFR 124.179(a). This Response to Comments specifies which provisions of the draft permit have been changed in the final permit decision, the reasons for the change to the final permit and also provides the reasons for not making other revisions which were requested.

This permit includes a Compliance Schedule, Section III, which identifies the submittals that the U.S. Army must complete within specific timeframes. Failure to fulfill these conditions may result in violations, suspension or revocation of the permit.

This permit is transferrable upon the Commissioner's written authorization, provided the Permittee and potential transferee have complied with the requirements set forth for permit transfer in the permit and CGS Section 22a-6o.

If you have any questions or need additional information regarding this transmittal letter, please contact Lauren Kostiuk of my staff at (860) 424-3155 or e-mail lauren.kostiuk@ct.gov.

Sincerely,

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Waste Engineering and Enforcement Division

Bureau of Materials Management and Compliance Assurance

Encl.(3):

Stewardship Permit

Certificate of Stewardship

Response to Comments, Attachment A

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