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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

May 10, 2002

Office of the Installation Manager

John K. Ricci
Sikorsky Memorial Airport
Main Terminal
Great Meadow Road
Stratford, Connecticut 06615

Dear Mr. Ricci,

This letter is a follow-up to our previous letters to you in July of 1996 and July of 1999 regarding the Stratford Army Engine Plant's (SAEP) providing water supply for the hangar's fire protection support for Sikorsky Memorial Airport (SMA).

During our meeting in April of 1996, and in the above-mentioned letters we explained our concerns and problems regarding the fire lines, which run from SAEP to SMA to supply the water deluge system for the hangars. You had requested that SAEP continue the service through the summer of 1997 to allow you to get the project funded at the start of your fiscal year, which would have been in July of 1997. In our letter we put you on formal notice that corrective action needed to be taken and SAEP's water service to your hangars would be discontinued. We further requested action in a July of 1999 letter but received no response. It is now well past that date and no corrective action appears to have been taken.

It is now more important than ever that SMA take corrective action. SAEP is in the process of transferring the property to private ownership and reducing all aspects of caretaker operation. The possibility of an accidental cessation of service has increased greatly and will not be guaranteed post-transfer. In addition, corrective action must be taken due to the Army's potential liability in providing the only source of supply for a fire protection system that serves a high-risk operation.

Please respond as soon as possible with your schedule for correction so that we may plan accordingly. The water supply service provided by SAEP to SMA will be disconnected in September of 2002 if we do not hear from you by August 1, 2002.

Please direct any questions to the undersigned at (203) 385-4453.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. W. Szymanski".

PETER W. SZYMANSKI
Installation Manager