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**To:** Szymanski, Peter (TACOM); Hyatt, Fred (TACOM)  
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**Subject:** AVCO/SAEP Conveyance. Remediation. Economic ambiance & impact. Background.

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Dear Mr. Szymanski & others:

Please pass along the e-mail, fully and completely to the U. S. ARMY, and any other appropriate DEPARTMENTS, AGENCIES, and PERSONNEL. I intend to fax copies to Senators Dodd and Lieberman, and Congresswoman DeLauro, as well as Town and State Officials.

1) Please **REMEDiate** the **AVCO/SAEP Property** to either **RESIDENTIAL** or **COMMERCIAL LEVELS**,

12/17/2002

rather than INDUSTRIAL LEVEL, for the following reasons:

1. Leave it the way the ARMY found it Stratford residents helped the U S. ARMY and MILITARY when they needed to build to MILITARY SPEC. Should the U S. ARMY not RECIPROCAT? The better the REMEDIATION, the better it is for the people and town of Stratford and CT for Safety and Economics!
2. A CLEANER PROPERTY has higher RESALE and RENTING VALUE. The better clientel that can be attracted to the property, the higher the property taxes to the TOWN, STATE, and FEDERAL TAX BASES. Over a period of years, the increased investment in Maximum Remediate will more than PAY FOR ITSELF as a RETURN ON INVESTMENT by the U.S GOVERNMENT.
3. A CLEANER PROPERTY means lower LIABILITY to the U.S. ARMY, since it will PRE-EMPT the probability of missed REMEDIATION
4. The TOWN (Short) BEACH is 2 miles downstream, on the Housatonic River. I am sure the U S ARMY would NOT want to endanger women, children, or men who are confident the waters they SWIM in, are NOT POISONED from the AVCO/ SAEP, the AIRPORT, SIKORSKY PLANT, DRESSER INDUSTRIES, or from the RAYMARK Super-fund site and 22 RAYMARK DUMPSITES along the Housatonic River and in STRATFORD.
5. I understand the AVCO/SAEP, SIKORSKY and DRESSER INDUSTRY PLANTS have more EPA and DEP Superfund issues pending than the \$ 200,000 RAYMARK PROPERTY'S REMEDIATION

#### ECOOONOMIC IMPACT

Sikorsky was Stratford's #1 Tax Payer & Employer @ 14,000 good jobs. Now there is less than 8,000 jobs and it pays much lower TOWN & STATE Taxes

2) Textron Lycoming AVOC/SAEP property was Stratford's #2 Tax Payer & Employer @ 12,000 good jobs at its' peak Now there are NO JOBS, Minimal Town, State, and FEDERAL TAXES PAID, Costs more to keep closed than to clean up and transfer, and harms the surrounding businesses, who once had an ECONOMIC ENGINE of this PRIME FEEDER COMPANY (which paid very good) which generated surrounding businesses and TAXES.

3) RAYMARK was the # 4 Stratford Tax Payer & Employer with **6,000 JOBS** Now, it is CLOSED. The Retail Plaza replacing it has **900 lower paying/benefit jobs**, which send revenues out of Stratford, to the CORPORATIONS. Town Business owners are at a competitive disadvantage, especially with the TAX BREAK they received. Town Business owners keep sales money in Stratford & nearby Towns, helping the local Economy.

4) CONTRACT PLATING was the # 4 Stratford Tax Payer & Employer with **1,000+ JOBS** over its' 3 shifts. Now it is CLOSED and unused, needing REMEDIATION.

5-6) DICTAPHONE and DRESSER INDUSTRIES were the # 5 & # 6 Stratford Tax Payers and Employers with about **1,000 GOOD JOBS, EACH**. DRESSER downsized below **400 JOBS**. DICTAPHONE downsized below **200 JOBS**

7) Stratford Town Fair, Stratford Town Fair Bowling Lanes, Bradleys Discount Store, Grand Union, Pathmark, Price (or Shop Link), American Frozen Food, Coca Cola, Perkins Auto, and several other major employers of 50 to 300 employees have also left Stratford.

8) The State of CT. could also benefit from additional JOBS & TAXES from the AVCO/SAEP Property being opened and run with maximum GOOD JOBS and attention to the Environmental Impact.

I raise these issues to increase the U.S. ARMY'S awareness of the Economic Impact the loss of JOBS and TAX DOLLARS from the AVCO/SAEP has on the Town of Stratford and surrounding Towns, as well as the STATE of CT

Opening the SAEP promptly, with excellent REMEDIATION is GOOD ECONOMICS. Leaving it closed is BAD ECONOMICS

Additionally, to help the sense of **urgency**, Stratford has over **22%** of the population as **65 years old or older** (the GREATEST GENERATION= WW II & Depression). More than **24% are 50 to 65 years old**. Now **80%** of Stratford's Tax Budget is being paid by Home Owners, where once **80% was paid by BUSINESS**. It will be a **death sentence to American Senior Citizens depending on social Security and Pensions, to pay increased TOWN and STATE TAXES.**

Additionally, Stratford has many low income Home Owners and Residents, who need more Town Business to **lower the MILL RATE** and bring GOOD JOBS back in Stratford. The State of CT. wants more GOOD JOBS, away from Stamford and NYC, due to burdens on I-95, I-15, and others.

The FAA wants 4 ACRES of AVCO/SAEP to extend a runway, for airplane safety. Those 4 ACRES once belonged to Stratford, before the U.S. ARMY took over the Plant for National Security reasons. As noted above, Stratford can NOT afford to have ANY ACRES taken from it, due to the lost ECONOMIC REALITY & NEEDS. Further, the safety need of the FAA, harm the safety needs of the people of Lord-ship section of Stratford, for Emergency personnel of FIRE, EMS, POLICE, FLOOD, and other real problems

Finally, It is in everyone's best interest for the U.S. ARMY to REMEDIATE and CONVEY the entire AVCO/SAEP property to Stratford.

Thank you Please pass this along

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