



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

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

AMSTA-CM-BB (SAEP)

24 October 2000

Ms. Margaret Welch
Office of Long Island Sound Programs
Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection
79 Elm Street
Hartford, CT 06106-5127

Dear Ms. Welch:

As per your request, I am writing to confirm that the United States Army Tank-automotive and Armaments Command Stratford Army Engine Plant (USATACOM-SAEP) agrees to the State Of Connecticut's request for an alternative timeline for the necessary federal coastal consistency review to that set forth in 15 Code of Federal Register (CFR) 930.41. We have agreed to incorporate the required federal consistency public notice into the public notice for the site remediation work on the causeway at the Stratford Army Engine Plant. We understand that the State of Connecticut will consider the publication date of the public notice as the initial request for federal consistency concurrence. Therefore the 45-day review period and its potential extension by 15 additional days, if necessary and specifically requested the State and as allowed by 15 CFR 930.41(b), will commence with the publication of the joint public notice. The USATACOM-SAEP will promptly provide evidence of the public notice publication to the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection - Office of Long Island Sound Programs, attention Margaret Welch.

In September 2000, TACOM-SAEP published a notice of open house that included a reference to coastal consistency. The notice may have given the impression that concurrence with coastal consistency was being requested at the time. This is incorrect; the notice should have indicated that coastal consistency concurrence will be requested. Insufficient information as to impact coastal consistency requirements has yet to be fully determined. Once impacts are known, coastal consistency concurrence will be requested.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John R. Burleson".

John R. Burleson
BRAC Environmental Coordinator
Stratford Army Engine Plant