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April 12, 2002

Ms. Sharon Cotner, Project Manager
United States Army Corps of Engineers
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RE: Vicinity Property 24

Dear Ms. Cotner:

I met with Jacque Mattingly and Brian Harcek, of your staff, on April 11, 2002, to discuss the documentation that would be required to demonstrate if any soils at the 8893 Frost Avenue property would meet a criteria of "background" or "naturally" occurring. This pertains only to elements characteristic of MEC/AEC contaminants.

There was some confusion regarding the desired content, HOWEVER, the meeting was concluded as follows.

1. The Department of Natural Resources is asking the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to provide the developer with documentation showing whether or not an area of their property can be selected as a survey unit and determined statistically to meet background criteria.
2. USACE brought up the matter of whether or not sampling must demonstrate the criteria is met, for every 6" to a depth that would provide the landowner with an assurance, that the entire volume of soil (approx. 6,000 to 8,000 cubic yards) meets "background" criteria. I inquired if a concern exists that the property had been disturbed, and as such, contamination could be present at various depths, which would not be evident from the surface. Their response was "no". I then stated that sampling protocols, typical of those performed throughout the St. Louis FUSRAP project for clearing a survey unit, would be sufficient.
3. USACE stated an area has been selected, within the vicinity of the removal action, that does contain enough samples to demonstrate whether background criteria is met. However, those results will not be available till Wednesday.
4. The USACE has another area selected at the northern end of the property, that could demonstrate if background criteria's are being met. However, only two samples fall within its boundaries. Another eight to ten would have to be placed, and the USACE did not feel that the EE/CA would allow investing any money related to sampling that does not meet their needs for complying with the EE/CA. The USACE asked if the department could pay for the

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additional sampling. I responded "I don't know. I might not be able to. If I could, would you be able to use our data." USACE responded that the department's lab does not meet USACE certification and couldn't be used. Meanwhile I offered to inquire with Ron Frerker (of USACE) regarding the status of our lab in regards to USACE certification.

5. I requested USACE personnel to schedule a sit down meeting with the developer and ourselves, on Friday or Monday, if they know for sure that:
 - a. Area 1, near the remedial action, is not likely to meet background criteria.
 - b. Area 2 can not be confirmed because USACE can not invest the money in the additional eight to ten samples.
6. USACE personnel said they wanted to wait until data came back on area 1, before scheduling any meeting with the developer. This would be next Wednesday.

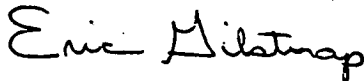
Instead, the USACE held a phone conference with the developer, on April 12, 2002. We were not present. Please advise us regarding the content of the meeting you had with the developer today, including:

1. Advice provided to them.
2. USACE's statements regarding the department's' request to the Corps of Engineers.

We will be forwarding a copy of this letter to the developer. If you have any questions please contact me at (314) 877-3250.

Sincerely,

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