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Mr. Edgar Kaup
New Jersey Department of
Environmental Protection
Division of Waste Management
Hazardous Site Mitigation
Administration
428 East State Street
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Subject: Combe Fill South Landfill
RI/FS Progress Report

Dear Mr. Kaup:

This letter summarizes work conducted by Lawler, Matusky & Skelly Engineers (LMS) and its subcontractors on the above referenced project from 1 April 1985 to 30 April 1985.

A. TASK WORK AND DELIVERABLES

1. Task 1 - Preinvestigation Activities

LMS submitted all Task 1 deliverables at the end of August 1984.

On 11 April correspondence was received from E. Stone (NJDEP) regarding decontamination procedures clarification. (See progress letter dated 9 April 1985).

2. Task 2 - Site Investigations

During April, R.E. Wright Associates, Inc. (REWAI), subcontractors to LMS, completed the pulse and packer tests and borehole geophysics as proposed. Pump tests were conducted and completed on 10 wells following procedures summarized in correspondence from REWAI to E. Kaup (NJDEP) dated 11 April 1985. (No individual test actually exceeded the originally proposed 4 hour testing period).

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On 17 April 1985, VEP Associates, Inc., surveying subcontractors for LMS, surveyed staked sampling points including soil borings, monitoring wells, and monuments. The remaining sampling points will be surveyed after final staking.

3. Task 3 - Selection of Remedial Response Objectives and Identification of Alternatives

LMS is continuing with its review of feasible remedial technologies for the site.

4. Tasks 4, 5 and 6

No additional work has been conducted on these Tasks.

5. Task 7 - Coordination and Community Relations

On 12 April 1985, LMS was informed by E. Kaup and K. Jentis (both of NJDEP) that neither the NJDEP nor LMS and its subcontractors had legal access to the site. LMS was asked if we could supply the trustee-in-bankruptcy for Combe Fill South with a copy of a certificate of insurance which would name the trustee as an additionally insured. LMS informed the NJDEP that such a certificate could be issued at no charge. LMS was instructed to proceed with the hydrogeological work planned for Monday, 15 April 1985, by K. Jentis but was instructed not to forward the certificate-of-insurance.

On 15 April 1985, the trustee-in-bankruptcy for Combe Fill South and K. Jentis (NJDEP) informed LMS that a restraining order was about to be issued and a suit against LMS was to be filed by the trustee because LMS was trespassing. The trustee, however, agreed to refrain from such actions if he received a copy of the requested insurance certificate by the close of day. LMS issued this insurance certificate and hand delivered it to the trustee on Monday, 15 April 1985..

B. PROJECT SCHEDULE, PROJECTED ACTIVITIES AND ANTICIPATED PROBLEMS

When activities were resumed at the site this month, it was revealed that several items had been stolen from the site trailer, including the telephone, and that the access gate had been severely damaged. Costs to replace stolen equipment and fix the gate will have to be applied to the new additionally allotted project funds. Likewise, continued rental of the site trailer must also be charged to the project.

LMS is still awaiting final authorization from the NJDEP to proceed with sampling and analytical work with the proposed substitute laboratories (see correspondence of 28 March 1985).

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LMS requests that the NJDEP formulate, as soon as possible, a revised billing schedule for Task 2 activities, allowing for additional partial payments for this Task. An example of such a possible invoice schedule was submitted in our correspondence of 21 March 1985.

C. PERCENT COMPLETE

The percent completion of the project's tasks based on their approximated new budgets are as follows:

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| Task 1 | - | 100% |
| Task 2 | - | 41% |
| Task 3 | - | 12% |
| Task 4 | - | 5% |
| Task 5 | - | 0 |
| Task 6 | - | 0 |
| Task 7B | - | 55% |
| PROJECT TOTAL | - | 39% |

If you have any questions, please call.

Very truly yours,



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