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Mr. Edgar Kaup
NJ Department of Environmental Protection
Division of Waste Management
Hazardous Site Mitigation Administration
428 East State Street
Trenton, New Jersey 08608

Re: **Combe Fill South RI/FS**
Progress Report

Dear Mr. Kaup:

This letter summarizes work conducted by Lawler, Matusky & Skelly Engineers (LMS) and its subcontractors from 1 June 1985 to 31 July 1985. A separate progress report for the month of June 1985 was not provided because, as you are aware, there was essentially no activity on the above referenced project while we were awaiting final approval of the contract modifications (see progress reports for May, April, and March 1985).

A. TASK WORK AND DELIVERABLES

1. Task 1 - Preinvestigation Activities

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

2. Task 2 - Site Investigations

Final topographic maps of the site were prepared by VEP Associates, Inc. A complete set of the 1"-50' scale maps was sent to you in July as requested. Fifteen copies of the reduced scale (1"=200') composite topographic map were also sent to you on 31 July 1985.

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In early July, the vandalized gate was repaired and the drum of acetone (left on-site for sampling decontamination procedures) was moved into the on-site trailer. No other field activities were undertaken by LMS or its subcontractors during this time.

As requested, substantiation (in the form of field notes and preliminary data) of work previously conducted as part of Task 2 activities was transmitted to you in July (see correspondence dated 22 and 29 July 1985).

3. Tasks 3, 4, 5 and 6

No additional work has been conducted on these tasks.

4. Task 7 - Coordination and Community Relations

On 23 July 1985, P. J. Lawler and R. M. Maikish (of LMS) met with E. Kaup, L. Romino and R. Myers (of NJDEP) in Trenton, NJ to discuss resumption of project activities, particularly the field sampling and analytical programs. Minutes of this meeting, transmitted to you in correspondence dated 30 July 1985 and a letter (dated 31 July 1985), summarizing follow-up work done by LMS on these issues, are attached.

B. PROJECT SCHEDULE, PROJECTED ACTIVITIES AND ANTICIPATED PROBLEMS

As summarized in the correspondence referenced above, field sampling is tentatively scheduled to resume during the week of 12 August 1985. Telephone calls to residents to make sampling appointments for the potable well survey and fill out the potable well questionnaires for those residents to be sampled will begin the week of 5 August 1985. LMS is formalizing its contracts with the substitute analytical laboratories but work is expected to commence with the laboratories on the basis of oral authorizations to proceed.

Assuming that the field sampling and analytical programs continue as currently envisioned, the Draft Report of Task 2 work will be completed in early December of 1985, the Task 5 Draft Report will be completed around mid-April 1986, and the Final Report will be completed around July 1986. As noted in the minutes of the 23 July 1985 meeting, every attempt will be made by LMS and the NJDEP to compress the overall project schedule.

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C. PERCENT COMPLETE

The percent completion of the project tasks based on their revised budget allocations are as follows:

Task 1	-	100%
Task 2	-	44%
Task 3	-	15%
Task 4	-	5%
Task 5	-	0%
Task 6	-	0%
Task 7B	-	55%
Project Total		41%

If you have any questions, please call.

Very truly yours,



Ruth M. Maikish
Senior Project Manager

Attachments (2)

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