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Mr. Edgar Kaup NJ Department of Environ. Protection Division of Waste Management Hazardous Site Mitigation Administration 428 East State Street Trenton, NJ 08625

Re: Combe Fille South Landfill RI/FS Progress Report

Dear Mr. Kaup

This letter summarizes work conducted by Lawler, Matusky & Skelly Engineers (LMS) and its subcontractors from 1 to 30 April 1986.

A. TASK WORK AND DELIVERABLES

1. Task 2 - Site Investigations and RI Report

As requested, LMS has substituted a numerical nomenclature for the actual homeowner name in identifying private well owners. A tabular crossreference of these changes has been sent under separate cover (21 April 1986) to the NJDEP. We are still awaiting word from the NJDEP as to how this out-of-scope work assignment will be paid, it is not covered under either our original contract or contract addendum.

Final comments on the Task 2 (RI) Report were received from NJDEP on 16 April 1986. Correspondence from R. Maikish to E. Kaup dated <u>21 April 1986</u> summarized how LMS would respond to the comments. Final corrections are underway and the final report is expected to be issued on or about 9 May 1986.

2. Task 3 - Objectives and Alternatives Development

LMS has completed all work in this task.

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## 3. Task 4 - Laboratory Analysis and Treatability Study

LMS has still not received a formal reply to our correspondence (14 March 1986) with Mr. Eric Evenson of the NJDEP regarding information and guidance related to a treatability study. Mr. A. Cantanese of the Division of Water Resources, in a telephone conversation with R. Maikish (LMS) said that he did not have sufficient leachate and surface water quality data to adequately address the questions. Mr. E. Kaup (NJDEP) will send the appropriate Task 2 (RI) Report sections that discuss these issues to Mr. Cantanese to expedite his response.

Upon receipt of the formal comments and guidance from the NJDEP, LMS will prepare a treatability study work scope.

#### 4. Task 5 - Evaluation of Alternatives

LMS is proceeding with the evaluation of alternatives and preparation of a Draft Feasibility Study Report based on our understanding of the final set of alternataives to be analyzed (LMS correspondence of 14 April 1986 and NJDEP correspondence of 9 April 1986). This report is expected to be issued on or about 23 May 1986.

LMS has submitted an outline scope-of-work and cost estimate (correspondence of 9 April 1986) for evaluating alternate water supply systems for the residents at risk near the Combe Fill South landfill. We have received no response from the NJDEP on this proposal to date.

# 5. Task 6 - Conceptual Design

LMS has begun the evaluation of a number of conceptual design elements that are expected to be carried forward into a recommended alternative.

# **B. PROJECT SCHEDULE**

As previously stated, the Final Remedial Investigation Report (Task 2) will be issued on or about 9 May 1986 and the Draft Feasibility Study Report (Task 5) will be issued on or about 23 May 1986. The NJDEP has indicated that they expect to hold a public hearing on these reports in mid-June.

## C. PERCENT COMPLETION

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

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Task 1 - 100% Task 2 - 100% (Including 100% of Contract Modification) Task 3 - 100% Task 4 - 55% Task 5 - 65% Task 6 - 5% Task 7 - 70% Proj. Total - 91% The Mathematica 17

LMS has combined and resubmitted to the NJDEP a number of unpaid outstanding invoices in a manner which we hope will expedite their payment. As you are aware, these invoices cover some items of work which we completed almost a year ago. LMS cannot continue to work effectively on the remaining tasks unless payment is forthcoming.

In addition, there are at least two areas of work, i.e., risk assessment and project administration due to the lengthened time frame of the study, in which we have performed services above and beyond our original and addendum scope of work. Some of these additional costs have been already enumerated in our backup correspondence for the invoices submitted to date. We will shortly be making a formal request for reimbursement of these out-of-scope services.

If you have any questions, please call.

Very truly yours,

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