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Boston, Massachusetts 02203

Re: Salem Acres Superfund Site
South Essex Sewerage District

Dear Mr. Firestone:

By letter dated September 24, 1987, I responded, on behalf of the South Essex Sewerage District, to Mr. Merrill Hohman's letter of September 14, 1987. In that letter I requested a meeting between EPA representatives and the South Essex Sewerage Board to discuss the proposed response actions at the Salem Acres Site. The Board recessed its regular session of September 23, 1987 until such time as a meeting could be arranged with EPA.

At a continuation of its regular meeting held on October 1, 1987, the Board discussed with representatives of the EPA the details of the response actions planned for the Site. As a result of those discussions, the Board has concluded that it will be unable to undertake the construction of the proposed containment facilities.

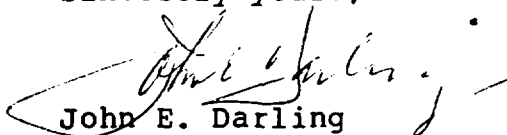
The Board reached this conclusion because of the constraints placed upon it by Massachusetts laws requiring the public bidding of contracts for construction of public works. The time that would be required both to prepare a final design for the proposed project sufficient for public bidding and to advertise and award a contract for construction of the project would not be compatible with EPA's schedule for completion of construction. In view of the need to prevent migration of material from the Site, it appears that the expedited procedures available to EPA can best achieve the goal of an early completion of construction of the proposed facilities.

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The Board appreciates the opportunity to discuss this matter with the EPA personnel directly responsible for work at the Site, and has asked me to express its interest in continuing to cooperate with EPA with respect to the Site.

Sincerely yours,



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