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Dear Ms. Ford: *Heather*

The Division has received the three submittals referenced in your letter to me concerning the Charles George Landfill in Tyngsboro, Massachusetts.

The first item prepared by your consultant, Camp, Dresser & McKee (CDM), identified property interests for the project. It included a plan, narrative and CDM's recommendation for securing real property interest for the project. This information is being circulated internally for review.

It is our understanding that once it is decided which properties need to be acquired, the federal land acquisition regulations would apply. One of the first steps in acquiring real property interest for the project is to perform appraisals on each tract of land.

During our discussions at the May 30, 1986 meeting, we requested that EPA task CDM to solicit bids for land assessments for the project. You explained that EPA sees this as the responsibility of the State and that the Division would have to advertise for this service using its own Field Investigation Team (FIT).

Since then, the Division has learned that EPA is planning on using CDM's subcontracting abilities to solicit bids for land assessments for the Nyanza Federal Superfund site in Ashland, Massachusetts. Given CDM's subcontracting abilities, it would be more efficient to have CDM complete the land assessments for both the Charles George Landfill project and the Nyanza site.

The second item submitted, also prepared by CDM, is the draft Operations and Maintenance Plan. The draft Plan describes the type and frequency of activities that should be the State's responsibility to execute during the postclosure period at the Landfill. The preparation of the draft document early on in construction project is significant for discussion purposes. However, it is preliminary in nature and does not need to be finalized prior to the award of the construction contract.

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The Design Analysis document, the final attachment included with your letter, is being circulated internally for comment. Comments on the document should be submitted to EPA at a later date.

To follow-up to your May 30 letter, Chris Tsiotos of the Department's Office of General Counsel, has been assigned to aid in the development of a State/EPA contract for the project. Please have a copy of the draft State/EPA contract sent to Chris so that negotiations can begin.

On another matter, we request a schedule for the finalization of the following documents:

Wetlands Assessment
Charles George Landfill Site
Tynsborough, MA
May 1986

Charles George Landfill
Endangerment Assessment
May 1986

Feasibility Study on
Treatment of Leachate from
Charles George Landfill
February 1986

As discussed with you at our May 30 meeting, the Division, in order to comply with the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA), is required to submit the above documents for MEPA review and comment. As you know, the Division can not release the documents until EPA has approved them for release.

The Division looks forward to working cooperatively with you towards the completion of this project. If you have any questions, please call Bob Bois at 292-5833.

Very truly yours,



Madeline Snow, Chief
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Mark Begley

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