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Mr. John De Villars  
Regional Administrator  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Region I  
JFK Federal Building  
Boston, MA 02203

RE: ROD Concurrence, Shepley's Hill Landfill, AOCs 4, 5 and 18,  
Fort Devens, MA

Dear Mr. De Villars:

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MADEP) has reviewed the preferred remedial alternative recommended by the Army and the EPA for the final cleanup of the Shepley's Hill Landfill, the core provisions of which are summarized below. The MADEP has worked closely with the Army and EPA in the development of the preferred alternative and is pleased to concur with the Army's choice of the remedial alternative.

The MADEP has evaluated the preferred alternative for consistency with M.G.L. c. 21E (21E) and the Massachusetts Contingency Plan (MCP). The remedial alternative addresses the entire landfill as one operable unit and includes the following components:

- Completion of any outstanding closure requirements identified under 310 CMR 19.000;
- Survey of Shepley's Hill Landfill;
- Evaluation/improvement of stormwater diversion and drainage;
- Landfill cover maintenance;
- Long-term groundwater and landfill gas monitoring;
- Institutional controls;
- Educational programs;

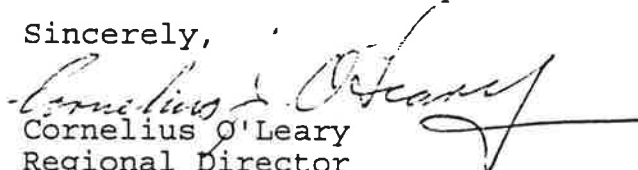
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- Design of groundwater extraction system;
- Annual reporting to MADEP and USEPA; and
- Five-year site reviews.

The MADEP's concurrence with the preferred remedial alternative is based upon the expectation that it will result in a permanent solution as defined in 21E and the MCP and that contaminant concentrations achieved during the implementation of the remedial alternative will meet the MCP standards.

The MADEP would like to thank EPA, in particular the Fort Devens Remedial Project Manager, Jim Byrne, for their efforts to ensure that the Massachusetts environmental requirements were met in the selection of the remedial alternative. We look forward to continuing to work with EPA in the implementation of the remedial alternative. If you have any questions, please contact Lynne Welsh at (508) 792-7653, ext. 3851.

Sincerely,

  
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