



REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
NEW ENGLAND DIVISION, CORPS OF ENGINEERS  
424 TRAPELO ROAD  
WALTHAM, MASSACHUSETTS 02254-9149

December 16, 1992

Engineering Management

Mr. John Kinneman  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
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RE: Former Watertown Arsenal,  
GSA Property, Watertown, MA  
Interim Measures Action,  
Project No. DO1MA001902

Dear Mr. Kinneman:

As discussed among Michael Borisky, Beverly Lawrence and you on November 30, 1992, New England Division Corps of Engineers (NED), is proceeding with the sampling and testing of the soil and water, and disposal of existing drums at the GSA property in Watertown, Massachusetts. This decision was based on your verbal approval during the November 30, 1992 phone conversation and conversations with Messrs. Roberts and Bouwens of your staff during their site visit the week of November 30, 1992.

We are awaiting your response to our October 27, 1992, letter to Mr. Bouwens which requested your office to review the scope of work for the subject project and provide comments by November 10, 1992. It is our understanding that your office would review the scope of work the week of December 7, 1992. At this time, it will not be possible to complete the Interim Measures Action by December 31, 1992. A new schedule will be determined once we receive your approval to proceed with the remainder of the work.

Also, as discussed during the November 30, 1992, phone conversation, the Interim Measures Action, which is briefly outlined in the October 27, 1992, letter to Mr. Bouwens, will be completed by the same contractor that is performing decommissioning work at the Army Materials Technology Laboratory (AMTL) in Watertown, Massachusetts. The

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contractor, Morrison Knudsen, will adopt the Facility Decommissioning Plan, where applicable, and the Implementation Plans, including the Safety and Health Plan, used at the AMTL. Unlike the AMTL project, the GSA project will not have an independent Quality Assurance/Health Physicist (QA/HP). The contractor will utilize the applicable health physics controls being use on the AMTL project. Quality Assurance oversight will be provided by NED and Health Physicist oversight will be provided by the AMTL.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Beverly Lawrence at (617) 647-8512 or Dr. Ian Osgerby at (617) 647-8703.

Sincerely,



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