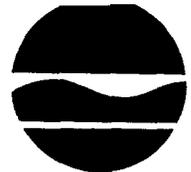


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Dear Members of the Technical Committee:

RE: Draft Final Regional Groundwater Feasibility Study Report

This is a follow-up to my letter of April 8, 1998 in which a deadline for submitting comments regarding the above-referenced report was set. The deadline for submitting comments is hereby extended from April 30, 1998 to May 15, 1998. The reason for extending this deadline is outlined below.

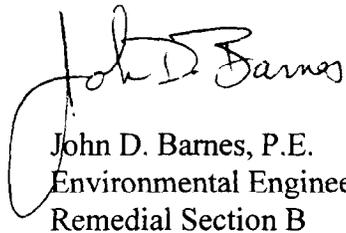
One of the components of the groundwater remedy that was discussed during the September 11, 1997 meeting of the Technical Committee was to add supply well GP-2 to the IRM well matrix. GP-2 would be pumped at a rate of 975 gallons per minute. The water pumped from this well would be treated at the IRM treatment plant that is located adjacent to the former Plant 2 building. At such time that the vinyl chloride concentration in groundwater at GP-2 exceeded a concentration at which Air Guide-1 standards would be contravened, then the water pumped from GP-2 would first be passed through a pre-treatment system consisting of an air stripping tower (with a catalytic oxidation unit to destroy the VOCs in the air stream) before it would be sent on to the IRM treatment plant for polishing.

In the above-referenced report, supply well GP-5 has been substituted for GP-2. Arcadis Geraghty & Miller, Inc. will be preparing a letter report in which the reasons for this substitution are discussed. The due date for submitting this letter report to the Technical Committee is April 30, 1998.

The need to hold a meeting of the Technical Committee will be determined in late-May. I will contact you in late-May to set a date and time for a meeting. If such a meeting is necessary, it would likely be held in early-June.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me at (518) 457-3395.

Very truly yours,



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