

July 9, 2004

Ms. Sarah Porter, Conservation Agent
New Bedford Conservation Commission
133 William Street
New Bedford, MA 02740

**Re: McCoy Field Environmental Contract,
Environmental and Drainage Concerns Related to Letter from BSC Group Dated
June 21, 2004**

Dear Ms. Porter:

This letter is intended to address environmental and drainage concerns at the McCoy Field/Keith Middle School property and construction project. Specifically, this letter addresses comment number 13 in a letter written by Scott Turner of BSC Group to the Conservation Commission dated June 21, 2004. The comment from Mr. Turner requested that the LSP-of-record (Alan Hanscom of BETA Group) prepare a written letter stating that he has personally reviewed all plans and specifications regarding ongoing and proposed activities at the Site, and that the plans are consistent with all site assessment documentation.

The McCoy Field property is currently listed as a Massachusetts Contingency Plan (MCP) disposal site. Under MCP guidelines, this project is considered a "Special Designation Project." This designation indicates that both MCP-related contamination issues and construction and development projects may proceed simultaneously. Environmental concerns and storm water drainage system concerns are addressed below.

Environmental Concerns

As LSP-of-record, I have been directly involved in all aspects of the Keith Middle School project related to soil contamination, drainage and sewer system installation, impact to wetlands, and other subsurface issues. This includes review of all plans and specifications regarding such activities. All subsurface activities conducted at the Site to date have been planned and executed such that all excavated soil and groundwater is managed appropriately, and that disturbance to wetland areas during embankment work is minimal.

Extra precautions, such as dust monitoring, have been taken throughout the project to insure workers' safety while working within contaminated areas. In addition, all contaminated soil leaving the Site for disposal is being carefully tracked by Bills of Lading and Waste Manifests.

Drainage Concerns

As part of the Keith Middle School construction project, storm water drainage systems have been designed to carry site drainage from the building roof and parking lot areas to either the municipal storm drainage system located within Hathaway Boulevard or the adjacent resource area. The discharges to the resource area will incorporate riprap to prevent erosion of the embankment.

The increase in impermeable surface area from the planned building roof and parking lot areas will reduce the volume of water that infiltrates through contaminated soil at the Site.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this request, please call our office.

Sincerely,
BETA GROUP, INC.

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