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Mr. Joseph T. Martella II, Senior Engineer
RIDEM Office of Waste Management
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235 Providence Street
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**RE: Short Term Response Action Work Plan
Retail Complex Sub-Slab Soil Investigation and Mitigation
Former Gorham Manufacturing Facility
333 Adelaide Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island
MACTEC Project No. 3650050041.20**

Dear Mr. Martella:

On behalf of Textron, this letter presents the scope of work under the Short Term Response Action Work Plan for advancing soil borings and collecting soil samples beneath the retail complex at the former Gorham Manufacturing Site and installation of a vapor mitigation system inside the Retail Complex. The objective of this investigation is to characterize the soil under the concrete slab in the location of the proposed Active Soil Depressurization (ASD) system. The ASD design proposal letter, dated March 31, 2008, was previously submitted to you and is currently on the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM) Gorham project website. These investigation and mitigation activities will be conducted consistent with Section 6.0 Short Term Response Action of the Remediation Regulations. Textron will continue to investigate the site to complete the site conceptual model and cleanup of the site.

BACKGROUND

Soil gas and groundwater investigations in November 2007 and March 2008 at the retail complex identified volatile organic compound (VOC)-impacted soil gas and groundwater in the southwest corner of the former supermarket space. An additional investigation will be completed to assess conditions of fill material beneath slab of the Retail Complex.

Indoor air sampling was also conducted in the Retail Complex in September 2007 and results from this investigation were submitted to RIDEM on November 5, 2007. This report is also posted on the RIDEM project website. Based on these results, Textron proposes to install an ASD in all four retail spaces. The design, system start-up and monitoring plan for this ASD system was provided to RIDEM in the letter dated March 31, 2008.

SCOPE OF WORK

MACTEC and its subcontractor will advance up to eight soil borings inside the former Stop & Shop in a grid-like pattern. The soil borings will be extended approximately 8 to 10 ft into the fill material beneath the concrete slab, and soil will be collected in soil cores. The soil cores will be screened with a photo-ionization device (PID). In addition, one soil sample will be collected from each soil boring at the depth with the highest PID reading. Soil samples will be analyzed

for VOCs by an outside laboratory.

Textron will coordinate with RIDEM regarding the installation of the ASD system, monitoring and possible need for an air emissions permit prior to and during the first six months of operation. A public notice will also be issued in a local newspaper following approval of the advertisement by RIDEM.

REPORTING

A field activities report to summarize the soil sampling program and the analytical results will be prepared and submitted to RIDEM approximately 30 days following receipt of the analytical data. The ASD installation, monitoring and reporting plan was provided to RIDEM in the letter dated March 31, 2008 and is consistent with Section 6.0 of the Remediation Regulations.

PROPOSED SCHEDULE

Textron has scheduled field activities for this sub-slab soil investigation for the week of May 5, 2008. Textron has also initiated the procurement of the ASD system and plans to begin system installation in June 2008.

We look forward to working with RIDEM on the review and execution of this sub-slab soil investigation and installation of the vapor mitigation system. Feel free to contact either Dave Heislein at (781) 213-5655 or Greg Simpson of Textron at (401) 457-2635 with any questions. We are available either for a conference call or to meet with RIDEM to address any questions you may have on this work plan.

Sincerely,
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