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Mr. Derek E. Chase
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Dear Mr Chase:

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation has reviewed your letter of November 12, 2004, responding to our comments of the November 9, 2004 on the July 2004 Supplemental Investigation Work Plan. Your responses adequately address comments # 1, and 3 -12.

Regarding comment #2, it is unclear if Emerson is planning to conduct sampling at MW-5-40. Please clarify this. In addition, MW-8-40 is noted from boring logs as being installed in a more fractured bedrock area than MW-9-40. While these wells are proximate to one another they may yield different analytical results. The Department intends to sample both MW-5-40 and MW-8-40 and the artesian well on Wood Street as needed during this supplemental investigation.

The Department notes and agrees with Emerson's general comments on the need to evaluate the results of this Supplemental Groundwater Investigation work as well as the current and winter 2004-2005 Indoor Air Assessment work to identify data gaps in the present study area. Beyond that, the Department believes that additional investigation of the Emerson plant site, as well as related additional off site areas previously not investigated, is warranted. The Department will work with Emerson to further design an investigation plan for these areas in order to fully define the nature and extent of on and off site contamination.

The Supplemental Investigation Work Plan dated July, 2004 is approved with the modifications noted in your November 12, 2004 letter and this letter. Please initiate field work approved in this plan as soon as possible so results can be incorporated into future investigative efforts. A preliminary work plan for additional on site remedial investigation is requested from Emerson by January 15, 2005. This plan will form the basis for further discussion on this necessary work.

If there are any questions on this letter please contact this office at 315-426-7550.

Sincerely

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