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Mr. Brian Silfer  
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Re: Drum Recovery / Soil Sampling Report (02/05)  
Emerson Power Transmission Facility  
(C) Ithaca, Tompkins County

Dear Mr. Silfer:

The New York State Departments of Environmental Conservation and Health, as well as the United States Environmental Protection Agency, have reviewed the referenced report. The following comments are offered on this report:

1. Page 2: Location DL-3 is shown on Figure 1 (text indicates that it is not shown).
2. Can any connection be made between the estimated time the drums were disposed of and historical plant operations and potential source areas present at EPT during this time?
3. Development of the work plan for initial onsite investigation at EPT needs to include this report's results in consideration of proposed work activities. As requested in this report, review and discussion of the SVOC and PCB sampling results will be undertaken in a meeting or conference call in the near future.

Please prepare a response to the above comments within thirty (30) days of receipt of this letter. If there are any questions on this letter, please contact this office at (315) 426-7550.

Sincerely,

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