

May 23, 2007

Honorable Alexander Grannis, Esq.
Commissioner
New York Department of Environmental Conservation
625 Broadway
Albany, NY 12233-1011

Re: Morse Industrial Corporation (Emerson Power Transmission Co.)
NYS Route 96B
Ithaca, NY 14850
Inactive Hazardous Waste Disposal Site Code: 7-55-010

Dear Commissioner Grannis:

Congratulations on your appointment as Commissioner of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. The City of Ithaca and its citizens have a long history of working on behalf of a clean, healthy and sustainable environment. I look forward to a strong relationship with your office and the administration of Governor Spitzer.

I understand that your office will be investigating contamination issues regarding Morse Industrial Corporation (Emerson Power Transmission Co.) (EPT) This, I trust, will include the former "Wallace Junk Yard" site adjoining a tributary to Cayuga Lake (a regional attraction, the largest inland marina in New York State, a source of drinking water, and a wildlife habitat), the over 20 potential areas of concern identified by a consultant on the EPT factory site on New York State Route 96B, and the impact on homes and the City of Ithaca Police Department buildings as identified over the last few years and as recently as April 2007.

This serious and ongoing affront to the health and safety of our community must receive the fullest extent cleanup as is possible. I understand there are a number of mitigation possibilities that can improve the indoor air quality of the affected homes. Mitigation should be installed forthwith; enough testing has been done. Secondly, source clean up is essential through removal of the contamination. Thirdly, an immediate and thorough investigation of the former Wallace Junk Yard should be conducted immediately.

I appreciate your response and offer assistance through my office and City Hall for organizing any visit or public outreach that may be conducted.

Sincerely,

Carolyn K. Peterson, Mayor