

August 29, 2011

Theresa Holz USEPA REGION 5 77 West Jackson Boulevard Mail Code: SE-5J Chicago, IL 60604-3507

**RE:** Monthly Progress Report – Water Main Design

TORX Facility – Rochester, Indiana AMEC Project No.: 3359-09-2469

Dear Ms. Holz:

The purpose of this correspondence is to provide you with a summary of the water main design activities performed between July 30, 2011 and August 29, 2011. The design activities are in support of the proposed municipal water service extension from the City of Rochester, Indiana to the Acument (TORX) facility located at 4366 North Old US Highway 31. The project consists of performing a topographic survey for the project area (existing stubbed connection on the west side of North Old US Highway 31 near the Dean Food facility to the TORX facility), preliminary engineering, construction drawings and specifications, permit preparation, and construction bidding.

## **ACTIVITIES PERFORMED**

The 30% design was completed and submitted to the City of Rochester for review and comment in early November 2009. After comments from the City of Rochester Water Board, the 75% design was completed and presented to the City of Rochester in June 2010. Following the City's recommendation that a feasibility study be conducted in order to evaluate several other options to supply water to the area property owners, Textron and AMEC (formerly MACTEC) evaluated and presented to the City of Rochester the option of purchasing water from the City of Rochester. This would be done by attaching a master water meter on the present line at Dean Foods Facility which will provide water to the residents near the TORX Facility. The City has expressed its support for the master meter concept to provide a water distribution system out to the TORX Facility. Textron and the City have been in the process of finalizing the water supply contract. At its hearing in July, the City Water Board rejected a provision in the draft agreement requiring it to provide a water pressure of 55 pounds per square inch (psi) to 60 psi at the point of the master meter, which may require changes to the system's design.

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The water distribution would be managed by the South Richland Township Conservancy District. Pursuant to state statute, a petition to establish it was filed and after various court and administrative hearings before the Indiana Natural Resources Commission, the Fulton County Circuit Court approved its establishment on July 7,

2011.

The Fulton County Commissioners on August 1, 2011 appointed the District's Board of Directors to the South

Richland Township Conservancy District. The District directors are Doug Garvison, Joe Hunting and

Jamieson Schiff.

**ACTIVITIES TO BE PERFORMED** 

A District Plan, including design of the water line system, is currently being developed for the Conservancy District following the Commissioners appointment of the Board. It is projected that the plan will be presented

to the District Board in October. All proceedings of the Board will be open to the public.

Once approved, the District Plan will be submitted to the Natural Resources Commission for review and public

comment. Following that process, the Plan would be submitted for Court approval.

Textron, though its communications, consultant, Focus Group, intends to contact area residents in September to

determine the number of residents likely to connect to the water line. Textron will continue to keep residents

apprised of any hearings and the project's status through regular newsletters and updates to the TORX

Remediation Website.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this correspondence, please call our office.

Sincerely,

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