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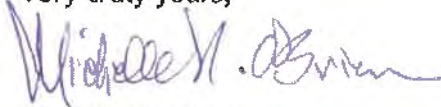
RE: National Fireworks Site, Hanover  
RTN 4-0000090  
Draft Phase III Remedial Action Plan

To Whom It May Concern:

By letter dated November 28, 2018, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) issued to the Fireworks Site Joint Defense Group (FSJDG) a Conditional Approval of the Final Supplemental Phase II Report (Phase II Conditional Approval) for the Fireworks Site. The Phase II Conditional Approval included an interim deadline for the FSJDG to submit a Draft Phase III Remedial Action Plan (Draft Phase III RAP) for the Site. MassDEP did not approve the proposed Scope of Work for development of the Draft Phase III RAP until March 25, 2019. The extended deadline for submission of the Draft Phase III RAP is July 17, 2019.

In keeping with prior practice (and prior direction from MassDEP), the FSJDG intended to submit to MassDEP today for its review and comment the Draft Phase III RAP. A transmittal form would have been submitted via eDEP. Once MassDEP's comments were addressed, the FSJDG would submit the final Phase III Report via eDEP. However, MassDEP has informed the FSJDG that the Draft Phase III RAP should be uploaded via eDEP to comply with the interim deadline and the Phase II Conditional Approval. Therefore, and over its objection, the FSJDG is submitting today via eDEP a Draft Phase III RAP. Please note that the Draft Phase III RAP is an initial draft, is not intended to be relied on by anyone, and is subject to revision following MassDEP's review. The timing of MassDEP's comments and the availability of a final document are unknown.

Very truly yours,



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For the Fireworks Site Joint Defense Group

