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John P. Cleary, P.E.
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RE: Approval of the Remedial Design Work Plan
Thompson Hayward in New Orleans; **AI Number 1275**
7700 Earhart Boulevard, New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Cleary:

We have completed our reviews of the Remedial Design Work Plan and the Response to the Notice of Deficiencies (NOD) March 2006 Remedial Design Work Plan for the 7700 Earhart Boulevard Facility (a.k.a., Thompson Hayward Facility). These documents, which were submitted on your behalf by Shaw Environmental, Inc., detail the processes and procedures to be utilized in achieving the selected remedial alternative for the site. The accepted remedial alternative for the above-referenced site entails the excavation and off-site disposal of contaminated material at disposal facilities located mostly in the United States.

The remedial proposals, as presented in the Remedial Design Work Plan and subsequent responses to the Notice of Deficiencies, are hereby approved with the following conditions:

1. Finalize and provide the contact phone number, email and webpage address to the community before the initiation of remedial activities. Also, it will be necessary to erect a sign board outside of the fence line, in the general location of the site office trailers, where monitoring data, etc., can be posted for public review.
2. The emergency action procedure proposed in the responses to the NODs, among other things, proposes a 4-hour shelter-in-place in the event that the ambient air concentration of the indicator remediation-related Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) reaches 35 ppm. The LDEQ requires a modification of this shelter-in-place proposal to reflect the weather in the New Orleans area, which can be hot

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and humid during most portions of the year. To provide for the safety of local citizens, especially the aged and impaired residents, the LDEQ requires a reduction in the duration of the shelter-in-place activity on hot and humid days. Please provide this information to the LDEQ prior to initiation of the remedial action.

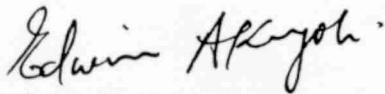
This approval letter completes the remedial design phase of the site's remediation process. In accordance with the Cooperative Agreement between the State of Louisiana and responsible parties, the implementation of the approved remedial design should commence within ninety (90) days from the receipt of this letter.

Please contact this Division at (225) 219-3199 with any questions. Note that all correspondence must include the AI number 1275 and be submitted in triplicate to:

Keith L. Casanova, Administrator
Remediation Services Division
P. O. Box 4314
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One of the copies should be directed to my attention.

Sincerely,



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