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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

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November 21, 2011

RE: Former Gorham Manufacturing Facility – Park Parcel (a.k.a. Parcel D)  
333 Adelaide Ave., Providence, RI  
**Case No. 2005-059 (Associated with Case No. 97-030)**

Dear Stakeholders and Interested Parties:

On November 9, 2011, the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (the Department) amended the Rules and Regulations for the Investigation and Remediation of Hazardous Material Releases, (the Remediation Regulations). The purpose of these regulations is to create an integrated program requiring reporting, investigation and remediation of contaminated sites in order to eliminate and/or control threats to human health and the environment in an efficient manner.

In the matter of the above referenced site, the Department's Office of Waste Management (OWM) has received the following documents concerning public comments regarding the technical feasibility of the preferred remedial alternative and environmental conditions at the former Gorham Manufacturing Facility – Park Parcel (a.k.a. Parcel D) (the Site), submitted in accordance with Rules 7.07 and 7.09 of the Remediation Regulations:

1. Hand written comments from members of the community attending the Public Meeting on July 12, 2011;
2. Notes from Textron Public Meeting on Parcel D Phase 1 Remediation Plan, July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011, 6pm-8pm, Renaissance Church, 77 Reservoir Avenue, prepared by the Environmental Justice League of Rhode Island (EJLRI), and received via e-mail on July 20, 2011;
3. E-mail comments - Subject: Gorham – Textron Public Meeting – Tuesday, July 12<sup>th</sup> 6pm, dated July 15, 2011, and forwarded to the Department by the EJLRI on August 8, 2011;
4. Comment letter, submitted on behalf of the EJLRI, dated August 8, 2011, and received via e-mail on August 8, 2011;
5. Comment letter, submitted on behalf of the Brown University Superfund Research Program Community Engagement Core, received via e-mail on August 9, 2011; and
6. Technical Review of Recommended Remedial Action, Former Gorham Manufacturing Facility, 333 Adelaide Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island, prepared by GEI Consulting (GEI), dated August 9, 2011, and submitted via e-mail by the EJLRI on August 9, 2011.

Textron, Inc. (Textron) is the Performing Party, and along with City of Providence, a Responsible Party for this Site. On August 17, 2011, the Department formally requested a written response from Textron to the public's comments on Textron's proposed remedy for Phase I of the Park Parcel (a.k.a. Parcel D). On November 16, 2011, the Department received Textron's response to comments, prepared by its consultant AMEC Environment & Infrastructure (AMEC), formerly known as MACTEC Engineering and Consulting, Inc. (MACTEC). A copy of that correspondence is included as an attachment to this letter.

The Department has completed its review of Textron's responses to the submitted public comments, and concurs with the responses. The Department will formally approve the Site Investigation Report (SIR) in the form of a *Remedial Decision Letter*, shortly. At that time, the Site will enter the Remediation phase, and Textron will be required to submit a Remedial Action Work Plan (RAWP) and a draft Environmental Land Usage Restriction (ELUR) and Soil Management Plan (SMP) for Department review and approval in accordance with Sections 8.0 and 9.0 of the Remediation Regulations. The RAWP shall describe all technical details associated with the implementation of the approved remedy.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me by telephone at (401) 222-2797 extension 7109 or by e-mail at [joseph.martella@dem.ri.gov](mailto:joseph.martella@dem.ri.gov).

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