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June 27, 1997

John Koskinas, President
Boliden Metech, Inc.
P.O. Box 500
120 Mapleville Main Street
Mapleville, Rhode Island 02839

Dear Mr. Koskinas:

EPA-New England has reviewed Boliden's Work Plan for site remediation dated June 1997 which was submitted by VHB, Inc. on your behalf. A subsequent revision to the Work Plan was received by EPA on June 27, 1997.

EPA is approving this Work Plan and Boliden may proceed with the site remediation phase. This approval is contingent upon the following:

1. *Section 3, Soil Remediation, page 8*

The Work Plan indicates that wash water will be filtered prior to collection in 55-gallon drums and disposed of based on the PCB concentration in each drum. The Work Plan proposes to dispose of all rinse water at a TSCA-permitted receiving facility if the PCB concentration in the rinse water is greater than the cleanup objective. As discussed with VHB on June 23, 1997, all rinsate water and decontamination water must be disposed of as TSCA-regulated material; however, rinsate water and decontamination water may be discharged on-site if the PCB concentration in the water is less than 0.5 $\mu\text{g/L}$. All filter media must be disposed of as TSCA regulated waste material.

2. *Section 4, Post-Remediation Groundwater Monitoring, page 10*

The Work Plan indicates that purged groundwater will be collected in 55-gallon drums and disposed of based on the PCB concentration in each drum. The Work Plan proposes to dispose of all purged groundwater by discharging on-site if the PCB concentration is less than the cleanup objective. As discussed with VHB on June 23, 1997, all purged groundwater may be discharged on-site only if the PCB concentration in the water is less than 0.5 $\mu\text{g/L}$.

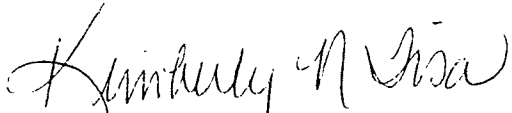


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3. Boliden must coordinate with EPA to attain a resolution on the operational detection limit for groundwater monitoring issue by July 25, 1997.

Please call me at (617) 565-3257 should you have any questions regarding this approval.

Sincerely,


Kimberly N. Tisa, PCB Coordinator
Office of Ecosystem Protection