



APPROVAL

December 10, 2015

Exide Group Inc.
c/o John Wertam
Shipman & Goodwin, LLP
One Constitution Plaza
Hartford, CT 06103-1919

RE: Request for Approval – Mill River Final Sediment Verification Sampling Results
Former Exide Battery Facility, 2190 Post Road, Fairfield, Consent Order No. SRD-193

Dear Atty. Wertam:

The Remediation Division of the Bureau of Water Protection and Land Reuse of the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (the Department) has reviewed the letter dated November 30, 2015 regarding Mill River Final Sediment Verification Sampling Results/Request for Approval of Verification Results from TRC Environmental Corporation (TRC) on behalf of Exide Group Inc. (Exide) for the Exide Facility located at 2190 Post Road, Fairfield (Site) (herein referred to as the Request). The Request was submitted in conjunction with Consent Order No. SRD-193.

The Request presents the results of the final sediment verification results collected from the five Study Areas of the Mill River following the completion of the dredging activities. The final sediment verification results demonstrate that the removal of lead-contaminated sediment has been successfully completed and the results met the cleanup criteria established for the project. The Department understands that following receipt of this approval, TRC will begin removing all marine equipment from the Site. Demobilization of the equipment from the river is scheduled to begin on December 13, 2015.

The final sediment verification sampling results were discussed as part of the public information meeting held in Fairfield on December 7, 2015, presenting the results of the Mill River sediment cleanup activities completed in 2015.

The Request is hereby approved.

The next deliverable due is the Final Sediment Redial Action Implementation Report and is due on or before 90 days following the removal of dewatered sediment from the Site, completion of the post-remediation soil sampling on the Site, completion of all restoration activities on the Site, and the completion of demobilization of all equipment from the Site.

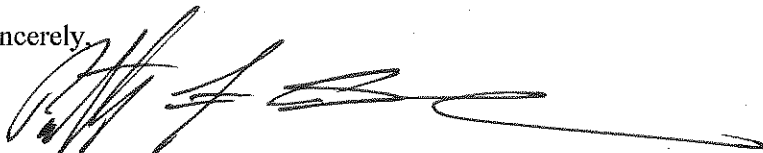
Nothing in this approval shall affect the Commissioner's authority to institute any proceeding, or take any action to prevent or abate pollution, to recover costs and natural resource damages, and to impose penalties for violations of law. If at any time the Commissioner determines that the agreed actions have not successfully abated or prevented pollution, the Commissioner may institute any proceeding, or take any action to require further investigation or further action to prevent or abate pollution. This approval relates only to pollution or contamination identified in the above referenced request. In addition, nothing

in this approval shall relieve any person of his or her obligations under applicable federal, state and local law.

No provision of this approval and no action or inaction by the Commissioner shall be construed to constitute an assurance by the Commissioner that the actions taken pursuant to this approval will result in compliance or prevent or abate pollution.

If you have any questions pertaining to this matter, please contact Carolyn Fusaro of my staff at (860) 424-4105.

Sincerely,



Patrick F. Bowe
Director
Remediation Division
Bureau of Water Protection and Land Reuse

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