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November 23, 2004

Kevin D. Trainer, Senior Project Geologist GEO Insight, Inc. 319 Littleton Road, Suite 105 Westford, MA 01886

RE:

Draft Proposed Cleanup Plan Strawberry Point, Mattapoisett

Barge B120 Spill

NHESP File No. 04-16918

Dear Mr. Trainer:

Thank you for providing a Draft Proposed Cleanup Plan (dated 11/17/04) for Strawberry Point, Mattapoisett to the Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program (NHESP) of the MA Division of Fisheries and Wildlife. Based upon a review of the information that was provided and the information that is currently contained in our database, the NHESP has determined that this project, as currently proposed, will <u>not</u> adversely affect the actual habitat of state-protected rare wildlife species <u>provided that</u> work is completed during the period, 15 April – 31 August. All cleanup-related debris and equipment must be removed from the site upon completion of the work.

This determination addresses only the matter of <u>rare</u> wildlife habitat and does not pertain to other wildlife habitat issues that may be pertinent to the proposed project. Should your site plans change, or new rare species information become available, this evaluation may be reconsidered. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Jon Regosin, Ph.D. at (508) 792-7270 ext. 316.

Sincerely,

Thomas W. French, Ph.D.

Assistant Director

cc: Mattapoisett Conservation Commission

DEP Southeast Regional Office, Wetlands Program



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RE:

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Dear Mr. Trainer

This letter is in response to a letter that this office mailed out to you on 11/23/04. In that letter we MISTAKINGLY stated that "this project as currently proposed will not adversely affect the actual habitat of state-protected rare wildlife species provided that work is completed during the period of 15 April – 31 August."

However, this statement is in-fact incorrect. What our letter SHOULD HAVE STATED is that no work should be conducted between the period of 15 April - 31 August. All cleanuprelated debris and equipment must be removed from the site upon completion of the work.

This determination addresses only the matter of rare wildlife habitat and does not pertain to other wildlife habitat issues that may be pertinent to the proposed project. Should your site plans change, or new rare species information become available, this evaluation may be reconsidered. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Jon Regosin, Ph.D. at (508) 792-7270 ext. 316.

We apologize for the mix-up and any confusion it may have created.

Sincerely.

Thomas French, Ph.D. Assistant Director

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