

19 Sep 1997

Mr. Sam Hoffses, LPI  
City of Portland  
389 Congress Street, Rm. 315  
Portland, ME 04101

RE: Maine Turnpike Authority Office  
430 Riverside Street Chamber Leach Field

Dear Mr. Hoffses:

This letter is to confirm our prior telephone conversation of 27 August 1997. During that conversation it was disclosed to you that, in my opinion, the MTA's leach field has failed. We also discussed briefly that the City will be installing a sanitary sewer line on Riverside Street within the next year or so. It was our hope that by routinely pumping the septic tank through the summer the system would rest or revive in order to extend its life until next year. The pumping has not had any noticeable affect in reviving the field at all.

Due to the above circumstances, the Authority intends to repair the existing system and at such future time connect to the municipal sanitary sewer. We discussed that aspect of the Rules; Chapter 14, Section 1401.1.1, "Application for disposal system permit" which authorizes the LPI's discretion in situations such as the Authority's. It is the intent of the Authority to repair the existing system maintaining all of the current elevations, locations, and configurations. Basically, the repair shall include: the removal and cleaning of the concrete chambers; removal and disposal of the stone layer; excavation and removal of the clogged soil biomat; scarify surface and replace removed soil, stone and chambers. The work shall occur over Columbus Day weekend (10 Oct 1997-13 Oct 1997) to minimize the impact on daily business activities. All work shall be supervised and inspected by a Licensed Site Evaluator or Registered Professional Engineer.

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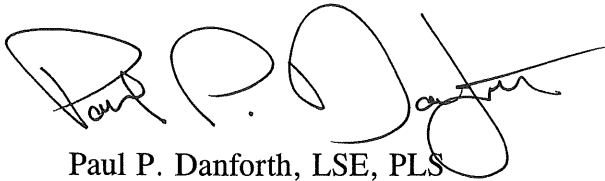
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Based upon the above, I am confirming your permission, by telephone, for the Authority to proceed without any new HHE-200 Application requirement. If this was not your understanding, please respond to me by telephone or written instrument as soon as possible so that we can correct the misunderstanding.

Thank you for your time.

Very truly yours,  
HNTB CORPORATION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul P. Danforth', written over a large, stylized circular mark.

Paul P. Danforth, LSE, PLS  
Maine Licensed Site Evaluator #249

cc: Mr. Jon B. Stevens, MTA, Director of Engineering