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Pennsylvania Division

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Dr. Tom Pluto
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Dear Dr. Pluto:

The Pennsylvania Division of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is in receipt of the Public Notice issued by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACOE), Baltimore District for the referenced proposed undertaking. Upon review of the Notice, the Division office contacted your staff on January 18, 2006 to discuss the status and various aspects of the proposed project.

An Interstate Point of Access (POA) report was prepared for a new interchange location on Interstate 80 and recently transmitted for approval to this office by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT). That document locates a proposed interchange immediately adjacent to the area described in the USCOE Notice. Further, it defines the transportation purpose and need for a new interchange as access for the proposed landfill and other potential future development. Various meetings with state, county and industry representatives regarding this proposed project have further documented the correlation between the proposed interchange and landfill. FHWA final approval of the proposed new interchange will be withheld pending the outcome of the NEPA studies.



Per the discussion with your office, it is understood that the USACOE will likely serve as the Lead Federal Agency for the undertaking consistent with the CEQ regulations (40 CFR 1500-1508) implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). At the appropriate time, we would like to discuss with your agency the project scope and the appropriate Federal agency roles in order to ensure that the NEPA study serves the needs of our respective actions. Please contact either David Cough at 717-221-3411 or Deborah Suci Smith at 717-221-3785 to establish a time to meet or conference.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ David W. Cough

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