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Mr. Mark J. Edsall, P.E.
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555 Union Avenue
New Windsor, New York 12553

**RE: STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW
COVINGTON ESTATES/HARP ESTATES
TOWN OF NEW WINDSOR
ORANGE COUNTY**

Dear Mr. Edsall:

In response to Mr. James Garofalo's letter (Dated: July 18, 2002) regarding our previous comments concerning the referenced project, we have the following comments to offer:

- 1) The traffic study should be amended to include the year 2001 AADT volumes for Route 300 to update the report.
- 2) In general, the Department does not encourage using seasonal adjustment factors for Traffic Impact Study purposes. However, in the case of the "Five Corners" intersection the assumption of the seasonal adjustment factor and the growth factor are irrelevant, because the existing conditions at the "Five Corners" intersection are already failing regardless of factors.
- 3) For the project of this size and considering the already failing existing conditions at "Five Corners" intersection, our view (regardless of what seasonal adjustment and growth factors are used) is that there is no sufficient or available traffic capacity at this intersection, nor are there "reasonable" improvements which can be undertaken. If this development is built, there will be no perceived improvement to the traffic conditions at the "Five Corners" intersection. However, since the Town is responsible for land use control, the status of this application is strictly a local issue.
- 4) The applicant has met with our traffic and safety group concerning the proposed location of the access road and other safety related issues. A State Highway Work Permit will be required for any curb cuts and/or work within any New York State right-of-way.
- 5) After meeting with the traffic group the applicant is revising his plans to have one primary access to Route 300 and one emergency access to Route 300. These access changes would not alter the results of the traffic study at other intersections.

If you have any questions or need additional information, we can be reached at (845) 431-5793.

Very truly yours,

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