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Mr. Aubrey Scott
Director - M.A.T.A.
City of Jonesboro
314 West Washington Avenue
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Dear Mr. Scott:

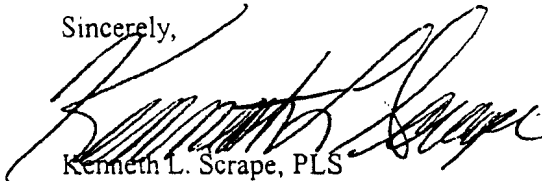
In January of 1996, Associated Engineering and Testing, LLC was hired by the City of Jonesboro to prepare roadway engineering plans for five (5) projects (Greensboro Road, Nettleton School, Philadelphia Road, Kathleen Road and Industrial Drive). In recent months it has come to our attention that a portion of the construction on these projects was not in accordance with our plans. We became aware of this during our design process for a subdivision development on Richardson Road, where we encountered a 72" steel pipe near Station 15+29 on Richardson Road that was not replaced with a 6' x 6' RC culvert as specified on Mulhollen and Associates plans. Also we found the roadway constructed with 22' pavement and no shoulders, where Mulhollen and Associates plans specified 24' of pavement and 4' shoulders.

After encountering these issues, we decided to check our other projects for compliance to plans. We discovered many discrepancies, for example, on Kathleen Street the plans specified curb and gutter from Station 46+00 to Station 51+00, this curb and gutter was not constructed. Also there were many locations where cross drains were down sized and may have created an adverse effect on storm drainage. Additionally, bridges were constructed where we had originally designed box culverts.

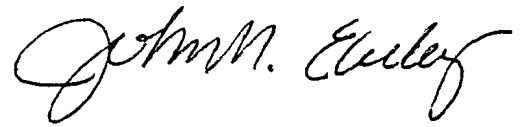
After our final plans were submitted to and accepted by the City of Jonesboro, our firm was not consulted nor advised of changes. Due to the number and severity of the discrepancies between plans and construction, we find it necessary to inform the City of Jonesboro that we accept no responsibility for the changes that were made by the City of Jonesboro and/or the project contractor.

F.E.M.A. should be advised of the changes that may impact the flood plane areas. Your assistance in this report would be appreciated.

Sincerely,



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Managing Partner



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