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Re: Precision National Plating Site, Clarks Summit, PA ("Site")

Dear Mr. MacGregor:

We have received your October 22, 2009 response to EPA's earlier correspondence, dated October 7, 2009, regarding the potential development of property owned by David Jennings near the Precision National Plating Services, Inc. ("Precision") property. I would like to address the issues raised in your response. EPA considers Precision a Potentially Responsible Party ("PRP") with respect to chromium contamination originating on its property. However, other parties who take actions that exacerbate the release may also incur CERCLA liability at the Site. An example might be moving contaminated soil or water located at depth to the surface, where people could be exposed to the hazardous substances.

I wish to clarify that EPA's letter did not state or imply that Mr. Jennings' property could not be developed. The purpose of EPA's letter was to notify Glenburn Township and Mr. Jennings of EPA's concerns regarding certain actions Mr. Jennings had discussed taking that could lead to further release of hazardous substances into the environment.

Our primary concern regarding Mr. Jennings' property is the shallow groundwater. The lack of sampling data in this area has been identified as a data gap by EPA. To address this gap, Precision and LFR are planning additional well(s) in the area to better characterize the shallow groundwater there. Regarding a basement excavation, however, Mr. Jennings should be aware that EPA, PADEP and LFR hydrogeologists believe that the water table in this area may be too high and make a basement impractical, even if the water itself is not contaminated. Perhaps Mr. Jennings has already determined whether or not this is the case, but if not, it may be a point he wishes to consider.

Regarding the longer-term question of groundwater contamination, EPA has been in discussions with PADEP and Precision and is considering an Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis ("EE/CA") to review and analyze various options. These options may include a water line, deed notices for properties in the affected area, groundwater treatment or restrictions on

activities at contaminated properties to prevent or limit human or environmental exposures to hazardous substances, among others. If EPA decides to proceed with an EE/CA, that document, with a proposed alternative, would be made available for public comment. Comments received from the public will be considered before the final decision on an alternative for groundwater contamination is made.

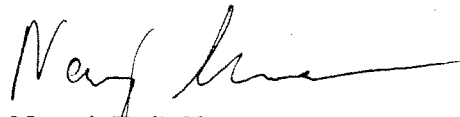
Finally, I would like to let you know that I will be rotating off the Precision Site project in my role as Project Manager. Ann Breslin, also an On-Scene Coordinator in EPA Region III, will be taking my place. Over the next few months, I will assist Ann during the transition. I plan to introduce Ann to all the Supervisors during the next Stakeholder Meeting, which I would like to propose for **Friday, December 11 at 1:00 PM** at the Glenburn Township Building. Please let me know if this date is acceptable to you and the Township. During the meeting, in addition to our normal site update, we can discuss the EE/CA process further.

As far as a site tour for the Board of Supervisors, Precision asks that the Township make its request in writing to their attorney, Kevin Quinn, Esq. Items to include in your request would be: names and roles of those interested in participating, the purpose of the tour, and when you would like the tour to take place. Those wishing to participate will then have to sign a release before the tour takes place. As far as a suitable time to have the tour, I would suggest the morning of the 11th at 10:30 AM. If this is not a convenient time for the Supervisors, please let me know and I will try to find an alternate time to have the tour.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at 215-814-3260 or sharma.raj@epa.gov, or Robin E. Eiseman, Esq. at (215) 814-2612 or eiseman.rob@epa.gov.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



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