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RE: Velsicol Chemical/ Pine River Superfund Site, St. Louis, Michigan

Dear Bob and Jane:

The purpose of this letter is to provide both the St. Louis City Council (City) and the Pine River Superfund Citizen Task Force (CAG) with an update on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) activities at the Velsicol Chemical/ Pine River Superfund Site (Site). As the EPA Project Manager for the Site, I would like to ensure that both groups are up-to-date on Site activities. This will be accomplished through a monthly Site update letter. The format for the letter will consist of an overview of the previous month's activities and an update on current activities. My attendance at the monthly CAG/TAG and City Council meetings will continue. Although due to prior obligations, I will not be able to participate in the April and May meetings.

April 2005 Update: Velsicol Chemical/ Pine River Superfund Site

March Overview

At the March 16th CAG meeting, EPA gave a power point presentation which summarized the OU2 Remedial Action (RA) activities and provided an update on the anticipated schedule for future OU2 RA activities. A copy of the presentation was provided and discussed with the City.

Current Activities

OU2/Pine River: EPA and EPA's RA contractor, CH2MHILL, and water treatment plant (WTP) contractor, EQM, are in the process of coordinating activities for the start-up of the 2005 season. Once the RA subcontract has been awarded (~mid-May), it is anticipated that the subcontractor will begin to mobilize to the Site by the end of May.

OU1/Main Plant Site: EPA's OU1 investigation activities are on-going. Drilling and well installation activities were completed on April 7th. On March 18th I received a letter from the TAG dated March 8th requesting an Emergency Removal Action by EPA on OU1. I also received a letter dated March 9th from the City Council supporting the TAG's letter. A response will be mailed out by the end of this week.

Please feel free to contact me at (312) 353-2315 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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U.S. EPA Project Manager

CC: George Kubin, Mayor
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