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May 10, 1984

Re: National Gypsum Company
Millington Site

Mr. Robert McKnight
Hazardous Waste Site Branch
Office of Emergency and Remedial Response
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
26 Federal Plaza
New York, New York 10278

Dear Mr. McKnight:

This is in response to the letter dated April 24, 1984 to me from Mr. William J. Librizzi making inquiry with respect to the former plant site of National Gypsum Company (the "Company") located along Division Avenue in Millington, New Jersey (the "Millington site").

You should be aware that the Company has not owned or occupied the Millington site since June 1978. Tifa, Ltd. is the present owner, and is in possession and control, of the Millington site.

In the recent past, the Company has been involved in discussions with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection ("NJDEP") regarding the Millington site. The Company has responded to, and complied with, all requests by the NJDEP regarding remedial work at the Millington site. There were two notices from the NJDEP to the Company requiring remedial work, one in 1978 and the other in 1983.

The 1978 NJDEP notice (Administrative Order) was dated February 16, 1978, and a copy of it is enclosed. In October 1978, the NJDEP approved the plans submitted by the Company with respect to proposed remedial work and, in August 1979, advised the Company that the work had been done to the satisfaction of the NJDEP. Copies of the letters from the NJDEP are enclosed.

— NAT'L GYPSUM RESPONSE TO NOTICE LETTER —

By notice dated April 28, 1983 (copy enclosed), the NJDEP requested that the Company perform further remedial work. The Company took immediate steps to satisfy the requirements of the NJDEP and complied with the NJDEP directives. This compliance was confirmed in writing by an October 13, 1983 letter from the NJDEP (copy enclosed).

As indicated by the above, the Company has responded to and complied with the requirements imposed by the NJDEP. It is the position of the Company that the Millington site is secure and that whatever remedial work should be done has already been completed.

Mr. Librizzi's letter mentions that the EPA has certain information in its files regarding the Millington site, as well as a "remedial investigation/feasibility study work plan." I would appreciate if you would send me copies of this information and the plan. The only EPA study of which I am aware regarding the Millington site was an analysis of water samples taken from the Passaic River in December 1977 (i.e., before the remedial work was done by the Company in response to the 1978 NJDEP notice). The apparent conclusion of that study (see enclosed) was that there was "really no danger regarding the levels of asbestos found in the Passaic River."

On behalf of the Company, I request that the EPA not take any action with respect to the Millington site unless we are first contacted. I shall be the person to contact and, in this regard, the following information is given:

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I trust that you will consider this letter and its enclosures to be an adequate response to Mr. Librizzi's letter. If you require further information, please contact me.

Very truly yours,


R.G. Walker

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cc/Mr. Tony Ferro, NJDEP
Mr. George King, NJDEP