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VIA E-MAIL

Mr. Matthew Mankowski
Emergency Response Branch
Superfund Division
United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5
77 West Jackson Boulevard (SE-5J)
Chicago, Illinois 60604-3507

Dear Mr. Mankowski:

SUBJECT: Request for Assistance to Perform a Removal Action
Electro-Plating Service, Inc.
945 East 10 Mile Road, Madison Heights, Michigan

This letter serves as a formal request from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), Office of Waste Management and Radiological Protection (OWMRP), to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), Superfund Division, Emergency Response Branch (ERB), to perform a time-critical removal action at Electro-Plating Service, Inc. (EPS), located at 945 East 10 Mile Road, Madison Heights, Michigan 48071 (site). The site has been an active electro-plating facility for approximately 50 years and is owned/operated by Mr. Gary Sayers.

Conditions at the site have warranted a Determination of Imminent and Substantial Hazard to public health by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), as issued on December 16, 2016. The MDEQ subsequently issued a unilateral Order to Cease and Desist Operations to EPS on December 21, 2016. Therefore, the MDEQ is requesting that the USEPA, ERB, take necessary action to mitigate the imminent and substantial threats to human health and the environment posed by the site by (1) ensuring secured access to the site and (2) securing and disposing of the estimated 5,000 containers of hazardous waste, hazardous materials, and unknown container contents present at the site. In addition, the Madison Heights Fire Department issued a revocation of occupancy for the EPS building on December 19, 2016, and the Great Lakes Water Authority issued Unilateral Administrative Order GLWA-2016-1201 suspending the EPS sewer discharge on December 22, 2016.

The USEPA's assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated. Enclosed you will find the Determination of Imminent and Substantial Hazard issued by the MDHHS and the Order to Cease and Desist Operations issued by the MDEQ.

Should you need additional information, please feel free to contact me at 248-217-3080 or kecskemetit@michigan.gov.

Sincerely,



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Office of Waste Management
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Enclosures

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