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CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

John Gullesh, Manager Environmental Engineering Raybestos Friction Materials 275 Main Street Stratford, CT 06497

Re: Keefe Environmental Services hazardous waste treatment facility in Epping, New Hampshire

Dear Mr. Gullesh:

This letter is to notify you of potential liability that your company may incur or may have incurred in connection with the above-referenced hazardous waste treatment facility and to request your assistance in cleanup activities at the site.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has determined that an actual release or a substantial threat of a release of hazardous substances, as defined in Section 101 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, 42 U.S.C. Section 9601 et seq (CERCLA), has occurred at the above-referenced site. EPA has expended public funds in response to immediate environmental hazards on the site and is presently involved in planned removal activities to abate these hazards. Upon completion of these activities, planning will be initiated under a Cooperative Agreement between EPA and the State of New Hampshire for the longer term remedial phases of the site cleanup, including remedial design, remedial construction, operation, and maintenance, as required by site conditions. These response activities are authorized by Section 104(a)(1) of CERCLA. Under CERCLA, certain responsible parties may be liable for money expended for response activities at the site, including investigation, planning, cleanup measures, and enforcement. Potentially liable responsible parties include the current owner or operator of the site, past owners or operators, and persons who generated the substances or who were involved in transport, treatment, or disposal of them at the site.

EPA believes that your company may be a responsible party with respect to this site and that your company may therefore be liable for public funds expended in response activities at the site. Before EPA undertakes further response activities, we desire to discuss, with the appropriate company official, your company's voluntary involvement in the measures necessary to remedy the hazardous waste problems presently found at this site. Please notify EPA, in writing, no later than September 10, 1982 of your company's willingness to discuss undertaking the remedial phases of this cleanup activity so that negotiations to effectuate this involvement can conclude before the end of the remedial planning process. Your letter should indicate the name, address, and telephone number of an appropriate company official for further contact on this matter. It should also include a statement of the type and the extent of the activities your company may be willing to undertake. Where your company is already involved in discussions with state or local authorities, or is engaged in voluntary action to clean up the site, these activities should be continued and their status should be reported in your letter. Your letter should be sent to:

E. Michael Thomas U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Office of Regional Counsel JFK Building, Room 2203 Boston, MA 02203

If your response indicates that negotiations should be scheduled with EPA and that those negotiations are likely to produce a meaningful abatement of releases or threatened releases at the site, we will contact your company to schedule a meeting. At the meeting, we expect to discuss the steps necessary to investigate and abate the conditions at the site and to set a schedule for your company's undertaking such corrective actions.

If you need further information, Mr. Thomas can be reached by telephone at (617) 223-0400. If your written response is not received by Mr. Thomas by September 10, 1982, we will assume that your company has declined to undertake voluntary response activities.

Sincerely yours,

Merrill S. Hohman, Director Waste Management Division

cc: Regional Counsel, Region I
Director, Office of Emergency and Remedial Response
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