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October 16, 2017 **VIA ELECTRONIC & US MAIL**

Ms. Jennifer LaPoma
ATTN: Lower Passaic River Remedial Project Manager
Emergency and Remedial Response Division
U.S. EPA, Region 2
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New York, New York 10007

Re: Monthly Progress Report No. 61 – September 2017
Lower Passaic River Study Area (LPRSA)
River Mile 10.9 Removal Action
CERCLA Docket No. 02-2012-2015

Dear Ms. LaPoma:

de maximis, inc. is submitting this Monthly Progress Report for the above-captioned project on behalf of the Cooperating Parties Group (CPG) pursuant to the Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent for Removal Action (Settlement Agreement or AOC). The Progress Report satisfies the reporting requirements of Paragraph 28 of the River Mile (RM) 10.9 Settlement Agreement. The CPG previously identified several issues in Section (d) that delayed and complicated the completion of the RM 10.9 Removal Action (RA). These issues have been resolved by the Region's approval of the Long Term Monitoring and Maintenance Plan (LTMMP) and the recent delivery of a revised draft RM 10.9 RA Final Construction Report.

(a) Actions which have been taken to comply with this Settlement Agreement during the previous month.

Meetings/Conference Calls

- None

Correspondence

- On September 6, EPA Region 2 (Region 2) requested the 2017 RM 10.9 RA cap inspection probing coordinates from CPG.
- On September 13, CPG delivered the 2016 and 2017 RM 10.9 RA cap inspection probing coordinates to Region 2.
- On September 15, CPG delivered the August 2017 Progress Report to Region 2.

Work

- CPG initiated evaluation of the August 21 - 22 RM 10.9 RA cap inspection results.

(b) Results of Sampling and Tests

- NA

(c) Work planned for the next two months with schedules relating to the overall project schedule for construction completion and monitoring

- CPG will prepare a report on the results of the RM 10.9 RA cap inspection.
- CPG will provide responses to Region 2 comments on the draft RM 10.9 RA LTMMP Baseline Monitoring Report.
- CPG will provide responses to Region 2 comments on the revised draft RM 10.9 RA Construction Report to Region 2.

(d) Problems encountered and anticipated problems, actual or anticipated delays, and solutions developed and implemented to address actual or anticipated problems or delays

- None

If you have any questions, please contact Rob Law or me at (908) 735-9315.

Very truly yours,

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