**Commercial Metals Company**

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January 2, 1991

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United States Environmental Protection Agency
230 South Dearborn
5HSM-TUB-7
Chicago, Illinois 60604

Attn: Evette Bryant

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Attn: Beth Henning
Attorney at Law

Re: Request for Information pursuant to
Section 104(e) of CERCLA and Section
3007 of RCRA for the U.S.S. Lead
Refinery, Inc., East Chicago,
Indiana to Commercial Metals Company

Dear Mmes. Bryant and Henning:

This letter will confirm my telephone conversation with Ms. Beth Henning on January 2, 1991, concerning the receipt by Commercial Metals Company of the above-referenced Request for Information.

As a result of the fact that erroneous definitions and, in part, erroneous questions were enclosed with the above-referenced Request for Information, I have been informed by Ms. Henning that Commercial Metals Company should ignore the above-referenced Request for Information and that it will not be obligated to respond to that request. It is my understanding that a new Request for Information will be forthcoming in the near future.

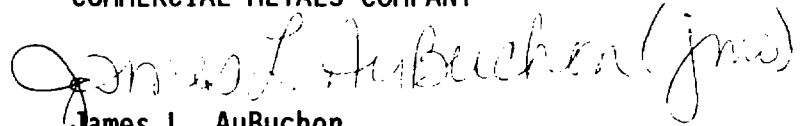
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In the event that the foregoing does not accurately reflect Ms. Henning's instructions to Commercial Metals Company, please notify me immediately.

I appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

COMMERCIAL METALS COMPANY

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James L. AuBuchon (jmo)". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

James L. AuBuchon
Senior Attorney

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