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Site:	Interchem
ID #:	10700 7405278
Book:	116
Owner:	Pottebaum
	Alton

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REPLY TO: Alton

May 3, 1990

John P. McDonald
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Kansas City, KS 66101

RE: Silak/Interchem site, Alton, Iowa


Dear Mr. McDonald:

Since responding to "First Information Request", we have continued to proceed with our planning here at the site in Alton. We still believe that the nature and extent of the contamination creates a situation that could be handled by something less formal and expensive than the usual cleanup situation. Your office has visited with Mr. Pottebaum and knows of his willingness to be personally available and to acquire additional expertise as suggested by you in order to accomplish the cleanup.

We believe that what makes our plan workable is Arlin's willingness to continue to work at an agreed resolution putting in such time and effort as may be needed without incurring the artificial costs of an overly qualified cleanup contractor which is really equipped for larger and more serious contamination situations. Our site is clearly identified and the contaminants are easily controlled. The promised reward of some equity in the structure will drive the arrangement to a conclusion without swallowing hundreds of thousands of dollars. This may sound somewhat "amateurish" to some but I think it reflects the kind of American ingenuity that has historically solved thorny problems in this country.

Please give us a chance.

Yours very truly,


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cc: Arlin Pottebaum

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