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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF

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Lisa S. Zebovitz, Esq. Neal, Gerber & Eisenberg LLP Two North LaSalle Street Chicago, Illinois 60602-3801

RE: Request for Correction (RFC #07003):

Muskego Sanitary Landfill Superfund Site

Dear Ms. Zebovitz:

This letter is in response to your Request for Correction (RFC) on behalf of the Muskego Site Groundwater Remediation Group (MSGRG), dated July 31, 2007. In your letter, you request correction of initial vinyl chloride footprint estimate maps. The maps were included in the July 2007 Memorandum to the Muskego Sanitary Landfill Superfund Site file (Memorandum) prepared by the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) Remedial Project Manager (RPM). The 2007 Memorandum was used to support EPA's comments on the MSGRG's Draft Phase I Expanded Groundwater Monitoring Report (Report). Your letter states that the information in the vinyl chloride footprint estimate maps is not consistent with the EPA Guidelines for Ensuring and Maximizing the Quality, Objectivity, Utility, and Integrity of Information Disseminated by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA IQG).

As you are aware, this RFC was received during an on-going Superfund regulatory process for the Muskego Sanitary Landfill Site. This process allows the MSGRG to provide comments on the vinyl chloride footprint estimate maps and Draft Report. EPA envisions the maps being challenged in this RFC will be refined when MSGRG provides additional information for the Agency's consideration. EPA believes this on-going regulatory process is the appropriate vehicle to address MSGRG's concerns about the vinyl chloride footprint estimate maps.

On October 4, 2007, EPA met with the MSGRG to discuss the technical justifications and procedures used to develop the vinyl chloride footprint estimate maps. At this meeting,

http://www.epa.gov/quality/informationguidelines/documents/EPA_InfoQualityGuidelines.pdf

¹ U.S. EPA. July, 2007. Review of Groundwater Investigative and Monitoring Data Muskego Sanitary Landfill National Priorities List Site; Muskego, Wisconsin.

² U.S. EPA. July 27, 2007. Re: Disapproval of Expanded Groundwater Monitoring Report (Phase I – Dated December 2006); Muskego Sanitary Landfill National Priorities List Superfund Site, Muskego, Wisconsin. (comment letter)

³ 67 Fed.Reg. 63657 (October 15, 2002).

the MSGRG indicated that it would provide a written response to EPA's comment letter by November 1, 2007. EPA received the response on December 3, 2007, and we are in the process of reviewing it. During the review process, which will include review of the issues raised in this RFC, we will determine if revisions to the maps are needed to ensure the information is consistent with the EPA IQG. Thus we will respond to the comments raised in this RFC during the Superfund regulatory process.

If you are dissatisfied with this response, you may submit a "Request for Reconsideration" (RFR). The EPA recommends that this request be sent within 90 days of the date of this letter. To do so, send a written request to the EPA Information Quality Guidelines Processing Staff by mail (Information Quality Guidelines Processing Staff, Mail Code 2811R, U.S. EPA, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20460), electronic mail (quality@epa.gov), or fax (202-565-2441). The RFR should reference RFC #07003. Additional criteria for information that should be included in the request are listed on the EPA IQG web site

 $(\underline{http://www.epa.gov/quality/informationguidelines}).$

If you have additional questions on this matter, please contact Thomas J. Krueger, staff attorney at 312-886-0562 or Sheri L. Bianchin, RPM at 312-886-4745. Thank you for your interest in EPA's information quality.

Sincerely,

Mary A. Gade

Regional Administrator