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SUBJ: Site Investigation Closure Memorandum
A&J Floral Site
1210 Clinton Avenue
Benton, Kennebec County, Maine

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THRU: Steven R. Novick, Chief
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TO: A&J Floral Site File

In accordance with section 300.410 of the National Contingency Plan (NCP), a Removal Site Evaluation, consisting of a Preliminary Assessment and Site Investigation (PA/SI), has been undertaken at the A&J Floral Site ("Site") in Benton, Kennebec County, Maine. The findings of the Removal Site Evaluation have been evaluated under the criteria set forth in section 300.415 of the NCP, section 104(a) and (b) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. § 9604(a) and (b) and Clean Water Act (CWA) § 311(c)(i) as amended by the Oil Pollution Act (OPA) § 4201(a). The Removal Site Evaluation has led to the determination that a Removal Action is appropriate at this time.

The findings of the Removal Site Evaluation are outlined below.

1. Source and nature of the release or threat of release
 - a. The Removal Site Evaluation consisted of the following actions:
 - i. A Preliminary Assessment/Site Investigation including environmental soil and water sample collection on 26 April, 2011 and 17 May, 2011.
 - ii. review of analytical results generated by US EPA Region 1 - Regional Laboratory, Chelmsford, MA: Project Numbers 11050026, 11040091, and 11040090

contaminant that may present an imminent and substantial danger to public health or welfare of the United States.

☐ It is subject to the limitations on response specified in §300.400(b)(1) through (3). The release is

☐ of a naturally occurring substance in its unaltered form, or altered solely through naturally occurring processes or phenomena, from a location where it is naturally found.

☐ from products that are part of the structure of, and result in exposure within, residential buildings or businesses or community structures.

☐ into public or private drinking water supplies due to deterioration of the system through ordinary use.

☐ The amount, quantity, or concentration released does not warrant a Federal response.

☐ A party responsible for the release, or any other person, is providing appropriate response, and on-scene monitoring by EPA is not required.

X The Removal Site Evaluation is complete.

4. As reflected in Section 3, above, the Removal Site Evaluation was terminated due to its completion, and not for other reasons.

a. The factors listed below, found in Section 300.415(b)(2) of the NCP, are applicable to this Site.

X Actual or potential exposure to nearby human populations, animals, or the food chain from hazardous substances or pollutants or contaminants.

X Actual or potential contamination of drinking water supplies or sensitive ecosystems.

X Hazardous substances or pollutants or contaminants in drums, barrels, tanks, or other bulk storage containers, that may pose a threat of release.

- a. As found in section 300.410(e)(1) of the NCP, the OSC shall determine whether a release governed by CWA section 311(c)(1), as amended by OPA section 4201(a), has occurred.

☐ There is a release, or potential threat of release, as governed by the CWA as amended by OPA.

X There is not a release, or potential threat of release, as governed by the CWA as amended by OPA.

- b. The existence of the conditions specified in Section 5.a., above, indicate that an Oil Spill Response under Appendix E to Part 300 of the NCP **is not** necessary.

Several abandoned underground storage tanks for heating oil exist at the site. The State of Maine Department of Environmental Protection will use state oil funds to address the removal of these tanks and any soil impacted solely by petroleum products.

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Encl: PA/SI Report, *Removal Program Preliminary Assessment/ Site Investigation Report for the A&J Floral Site, Benton, Kennebec County, Maine, June 2011*