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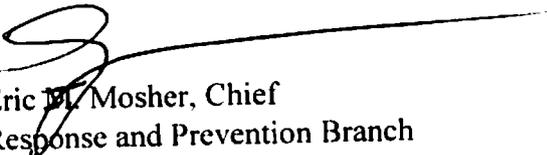
Dear Director English:

I am writing to inform you that the planned activities comprising the removal action initiated by the USEPA ("EPA") in August, 2015 at the former Homestead Infirmary in Providence Township, NY, have been completed. During the course of the removal action EPA and its contractor removed 33 drums of hazardous chemical wastes from the former Waste Water Treatment Plant, and more than 100 pails of old paint and roofing tar from the main building. These wastes have been shipped off-site for permanent disposal.

Presently, EPA is assessing the threat posed by the asbestos you mentioned in your referral letter to Walter Mugdan on May 20, 2015. Asbestos-containing material (ACM) has been identified in the form of pipe insulation in the hospital building, as well as in clumps on the ground and on the old boilers which are exposed to the outside environment. If the ACM is found to be a threat, and EPA determines that a second removal action is necessary, we will notify you prior to taking that action.

EPA is very pleased to have been of assistance in this matter.

Sincerely yours,


Eric M. Mosher, Chief
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