



## State of New Jersey

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Walter Mugdan, Director  
Emergency and Remedial Response Division  
United States Environmental Protection Agency  
Region II  
290 Broadway  
New York, New York 10007-1866

Re: Removal Action Site Submission  
Former Pure Earth Recycling, Inc.  
3209 Mill Road, Vineland, NJ  
DEP/SRP PI#014733

Dear Mr. Mugdan:

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) submits the former Pure Earth Recycling, Inc. site in Vineland, Cumberland County for removal action consideration under the federal Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA). DEP requests that EPA perform removal work for remaining on-site vessels, tanks and their liquid contents. Also, DEP requests that EPA assess and characterize an unprocessed soil pile on site, and other remaining on-site soil piles, to determine removal eligibility.

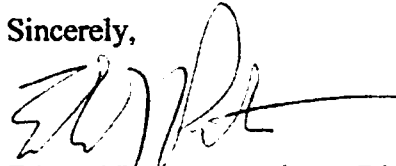
Previously, DEP referred the site EPA on June 9, 2012 to address unsecured wastes left at the facility after Pure Earth Recycling, Inc. ceased operations. EPA completed an initial removal action on May 22, 2014. DEP and EPA conducted a joint site visit and inspection with Vineland health officials on August 19, 2015 to discuss site conditions and further actions required to protect the community and local environment from remaining on-site wastes. The current business owners have not shown any progress in completing remedial actions required for the site. Vineland officials also have expressed concern that the property within the city's northern industrial park remains vacant with no plans for future use.

During a meeting between DEP and EPA on October 20, 2015 in Edison, it was agreed specifically that DEP would refer the site again to EPA for additional removal actions. At present, further cleanup work by EPA to address specific environmental concerns in an expeditious manner is warranted. These concerns include more than 100,000 gallons of sludge and other liquid remaining in various apparatus on site and unsecured wastes in piles and

containers on site. Further, the site is frequented by trespassers looking to scrap various components of remaining hardware at the facility that poses significant risk to themselves and the community at large.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss these issues in further detail, please contact me or Fred Mumford, Superfund coordinator in the Site Remediation Program, at (609) 984-9769.

Sincerely,

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Edward Putnam, Assistant Director  
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