



Port of Greater Cincinnati

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*Re: Request for Assistance –Asbestos Remediation of the Former Hudepohl Brewery*

Dear Mr. Renninger,

The Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority (Port Authority) is writing to request the support of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) in the asbestos remediation of a portion of the former Hudepohl Brewery located at 801 W. Sixth Street in the City of Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio.

The Port Authority purchased the former Hudepohl Brewery in May of 2014. This property was environmentally and structurally compromised when the Port Authority purchased it. To date, the Port Authority has expended approximately \$520,000 on the property, which includes acquisition, site security and maintenance to meet requirements from the Building Department, the Fire Department, and Federal Continuing Obligations for Air Monitoring regulations.

A Phase II Environmental Report completed for the property in 2014 shows known contaminants at the site being asbestos, PCBs, TCE, and universal waste. The property is also impacted by an asbestos containing material commingled debris pile that is estimated to cover three quarters of an acre and is up to thirty feet deep. As a result, the Port Authority entered into a Continuing Obligations Plan in accordance with US EPA. While the Port Authority has successfully met the requirements for stormwater and groundwater monitoring, air monitoring is still performed at the site on a quarterly basis. To successfully meet the requirements for air monitoring, the Port Authority must have three consecutive rounds of air monitoring with zero asbestos particles in the air. Out of all air monitoring performed to date since 2014, there has only been one round where zero asbestos particles were detected in the air.

In September 2015, a trespasser illegally entered the property resulting in an entrapment, critical injury, and a 3 hour rescue by city fire personnel.

The Port Authority views this site as an emergency and requests the US EPA's assistance, as it is beyond our local capabilities to mitigate.

Please don't hesitate to contact me at (513) 632-3833 with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Melissa S. Johnson".

Melissa S. Johnson  
Vice President of Industrial Development & Logistics