



# County of Allegan

Sally L. Brooks, Treasurer

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Mr. Paul Ruesch  
On-Scene Coordinator  
U.S. EPA, Region 5, Superfund Division  
77 W. Jackson Blvd. (SE-5J)  
Chicago, Illinois, USA 60604-3590

Subject: Former Rock\_Tenn Paper Mill – Power House Asbestos

Dear Mr. Ruesch:

Allegan County and the City of Otsego respectfully request the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (U.S.EPA) assistance in the removal of time critical loose asbestos and asbestos debris from the Power House at the former Rock Tenn paper mill located at 431 Helen Street in Otsego, Michigan.

Despite efforts to secure the property, trespassing continues to be a challenge. In addition, there is continued need for authorized access in the pursuit of sale and development of the property. As such, there is concern regarding structural integrity and the presence of asbestos, which may represent risk to human health in and/or around the Power House and the adjacent building(s). Allegan County is working together with the City Of Otsego on a plan with an interested developer to remove the intact asbestos in the Power House on boilers and piping. Currently, there are developers interested in redeveloping the site. Allegan County is seeking all available assistance from the U.S.EPA to mitigate any and all health risks.

Thank you for your continued participation in the protection of public health at this site.

Sincerely,

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