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Mr. Brandon Cooper
Deputy Director, Community & Economic Development
City of Ogden
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Ogden, UT 84401

RE: EPA CERCLA Removal Action at the Ogden Swift Building Site

Dear Mr. Cooper:

EPA Region 8 intends to conduct a removal action at the Ogden Swift Building Site (Site) located at 390 West Exchange Road in the City of Ogden, Weber County, Utah, pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA). The removal action will involve the cleanup and disposal of thousands of abandoned containers of chemicals from this former storage facility. The chemicals include flammables, poisons, water reactives, mercury, benzene, potential explosives and more. In addition to the various hazardous substances on-Site, each room contains significant amounts of trash and debris. One building at the Site has already been damaged by fire, and all the buildings have missing windows and collapsing floors and ceilings. The Site poses an imminent and substantial endangerment to nearby residents and community members.

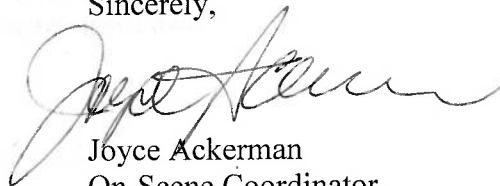
In order for EPA to conduct the removal action, the trash and debris must be moved to allow for the movement of personnel and equipment and to ensure that no chemical containers are hidden and inadvertently left behind during the cleanup. EPA's cleanup personnel will conduct the removal action in a linear fashion, one room at a time, proceeding from building to building, removing chemical containers from each room and documenting the completion of that room to ensure no rooms are missed. As work begins in each new room, EPA's cleanup personnel will move trash and debris from that room to a location immediately outside that building, through the nearest door or other egress point.

This is to confirm that the city will be rendering assistance in conducting the following actions in accordance with CERCLA §107(d)(1) and the National Contingency Plan and at my direction:

- As EPA personnel remove trash and debris from each room, the City shall collect such trash and debris from each stockpiled location.
- Upon collection, the City shall manage and dispose of collected trash and debris in accordance with state and local laws regarding waste management and disposal.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions at (303) 312-6822. EPA looks forward to working with the City at this important Site.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joyce Ackerman", written over a horizontal line.

Joyce Ackerman
On-Scene Coordinator
U.S. EPA Region 8

Cc: Dale Urban, Utah DEQ