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Laura Williams
Response Unit Chief
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1595 Wynkoop Street
Denver, Colorado 80202-1129

Re: Potential CERCLA Removal Action. Stockpiled chemical from a former plating business, stored at 5312 Mystic Drive, Rapid City, Pennington County, South Dakota

Dear Ms. Williams: *Laura*

The South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) is requesting US EPA assistance with assessment, cleanup, and disposal of stockpiled chemical and wastes stored on a property in Pennington County.

Black Hills Plating and Polishing went out of business several years ago. When the company closed, equipment and chemicals were moved to a garage for storage. Chemicals stored in the garage may include chromium and cyanide compounds, and possibly unused product in addition to waste solutions from the plating baths. The former business owner wishes to properly dispose of the chemical, but he has indicated he cannot afford to do so. DENR is concerned stored chemical could leak posing a risk to human health and the environment.

Trish Kindt will be the project manager for this case and she will be available to work with you should you require assistance or additional information. You can contact Trish or me by calling (605) 773-3296. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kim McIntosh".

Kim McIntosh
Administrator, Ground Water Quality Program

cc: Dustin Willett, Pennington County Emergency Manager
Carrie Jacobson, SD DENR, WMP