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August 31, 2026

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RE: Mercury Removal Action
10972 113 Road #7006, Dodge City, 37.7688079, -99.9784227
SW/4 of the NW/4 of SW/4 of S20, TSP 26S, R24W
Ford County, Kansas

Dear Mr. Jurgens:

On August 26, 2026, John Michael, Kansas State Fire Marshall's Office, Hazmat Program Manager, emailed Jorge Jacobs, Kansas of Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), Bureau of Environmental Remediation (BER) Director regarding a notification from the Ford County, Kansas, Fire Department, that a "small" mercury spill had been discovered in the county's Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) facility. Reportedly the initial spill happened back in January but was not reported to KDHE. The workers at the household waste department performed their own cleanup but did not get all of the mercury. Their cleanup also did not comply with accepted industry practices.

Therefore, KDHE is referring the above referenced mercury spill to the EPA for a Removal Action under Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) and consistent with the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP). If you have any questions regarding this Request for Federal Action, please contact Jorge Jacobs, Bureau of Environmental Remediation Director at 785-296-1662 or email jorge.jacobs@ks.gov.

Sincerely,

Kate Gleeson
Deputy Secretary and Director Environment

Attachments

c: Jorge Jacobs → Delbert Smith
Yvonne Smith, EPA R7
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REQUEST FOR FEDERAL ACTION

The **Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE)** (Requesting Agency) requests, pursuant to Section 128(b)(1)(B) (i) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. § 9608(b)(1)(b)(I), assistance of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 7 (EPA) in the evaluation of site conditions and/or performance of response action, for the following site:

Mercury Removal Action

10972 113 Road #7006

SW/4 of the NW/4 of SW/4 of S20, TSP 26S, R24W

37.7688079, -99.9784227

Street Address/Property Description/GPS

Dodge City

City

Ford

County

Kansas, 67801

State, Zip Code

A detailed site description and background information are attached to this request.

By making this Request, the Requesting Agency recognizes that the EPA, or any other entity acting on the behalf of the EPA, may use its authorities under CERCLA, the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan, 40 CFR Part 300, or any other federal statute, regulation or response program, to respond to and recover costs incurred in response to releases or threats of releases of hazardous substances, pollutants or contaminants at or from the site. By making this request, the Requesting Agency waives notice as otherwise required by Section 128(b)(1)(D) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9628(b)(1)(D). The signatory of this request is authorized to make this request on behalf of the Requesting Agency.

Date August 31, 2026

Name Kate Gleeson

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Kansas Department of Health and Environment

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