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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

December 1, 2010

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SR-6J

RE: Area 2: Supplemental Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (SRI/FS) Work Plan Approval

Dear Mr. Erickson:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has completed its review of the revised Area 2: SRI/FS Work Plan and responses to comments for the Allied Paper, Inc./Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund Site.

U.S. EPA's previous comments have been adequately addressed and incorporated into the revised draft Area 2: SRI/FS work plan, with the exception of one comment response. The response to specifc comment eight does not address why only the 0-2 inch interval is being collected and analyzed for comparison to the 1993 and 2000 data. It is unclear if only surface soil was sampled in 1993 or 2000 or if data exists at depth. There is no support provided for only sampling the 0-2 inch interval. If data exists at depth from the 1993 and 2000 sampling events it would appear appropriate to also resample those areas at depths beyond the 0-2 inch interval. However, this issue can be resolved when the specific sampling plan is submitted to EPA in the future.

Therefore, EPA approves the revised draft Area 2 SRI/FS Work Plan. A final document must be submitted within (30) thirty days of receipt of this letter.

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Please contact me at (312) 886-0992 if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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