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Mr. Byron Jorgenson
City Administrator
Sandy City
10000 South Centennial Parkway
Sandy, UT 84070

Re: Sandy Smelters Site

Dear Mr. Jorgenson:

I have enclosed the "Statement of Support" drafted at the Sandy Smelters Working Group meeting on July 30, 1997. I have made a few editorial changes and added some background information. If it is still satisfactory, please sign on your signature block and return the original signature page to me. I am sending separate copies to all who have indicated a willingness to sign. We at EPA are still hopeful to get the consultation process finished in September, so I would appreciate receiving your signature by August 20, 1997.

If you have any questions, please call me at (303) 312-6579. I will keep you informed of the schedule for the consultation and the results. Thank you again for your willingness to participate in the working group.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Lavelle
Remedial Project Manager

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STATEMENT OF SUPPORT

Since 1992, EPA and the Utah Department of Environmental Quality (UDEQ) have been working with the City of Sandy, the Salt Lake City/County Health Department, and Asarco to assess the health risks posed by the impacts of historic smelting and milling activity in Sandy City and to find a way to deal with unacceptable risks. Activities undertaken have included a site investigation, risk assessment (using the Integrated Exposure/Uptake Biokinetic model), preparation of a draft Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis, three comprehensive blood lead studies, two time critical soil removal actions, and extensive community education and involvement. In June, 1997, a Working Group comprised of representatives from Asarco, EPA, Sandy City, UDEQ, and the Salt Lake City/County Health Department met to consider whether the actions taken to date have been sufficiently protective and whether additional clean up work is warranted for certain properties on the Sandy Smelters Site. The Working Group also wished to inform EPA on issues of implementability and community and State acceptance of options EPA may be considering. Recognizing that EPA will make the decision about further actions at the Sandy Smelters Site, the Working Group wishes to communicate the following conclusions reached during its discussions:

1. Based on EPA's explanation of the Sandy Smelters Site risk assessment and given the results of the blood lead tests within the Sandy Smelters site study area which show no child exceeding a level of 10 ug/dL blood lead, the Working Group supports an 1800 parts per million (ppm) action level for lead in soil. The City of Sandy, the Salt Lake City/County Health Department, and Asarco believe that the blood lead studies have not demonstrated a health risk; however, they are willing to support additional soil removals in properties with soil lead levels exceeding 1800 ppm .

2. Given the lack of a demonstrated health risk for their citizens, the community leaders expressed a strong desire for closure on this site. They consider any use restrictions, additional monitoring, or other institutional controls on residential property to be unacceptably disruptive to their citizens.

3. UDEQ, the City of Sandy, and Asarco expect that proper implementation of the 1800 ppm lead action level will constitute completion of the remediation of the Sandy Smelters site.

4. UDEQ, the City of Sandy, and Asarco request that EPA, through its Action Memorandum decision document and other appropriate documentation, take the steps necessary to release any restrictions on the entire site in order to remove any stigma from this site associated with the clean up.

SIGNATURES:

CITY OF SANDY

Date	Byron Jorgenson City Administrator
Date	Scott Caudell City Councilman

ASARCO, INC.

Date	Donald Robbins Director of Environmental Services

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Date	Mark Day CERCLA Section Manager