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Peter Lopez, Regional Administrator
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Re: **Woodbrook Road Dump Site, South Plainfield, New Jersey**

Dear Mr. Lopez:

I am the attorney for the Borough of South Plainfield, and am writing to you on their behalf.

The Borough is aware that the 2013 Record of Decision and the 2018 Explanation of Significant Difference have been recommended to be reevaluated and revised as appropriate. It is the Borough's understanding that EPA Region 2 is in the process of considering alternate remedial plans and that a further comment period is being considered and a determination has not been made as to such.

The Borough had previously written to EPA on August 16, 2013 in connection with the original remedy selection process and again to you on August 6, 2018 in support of the alternative for the removal and capping remedial plan. On both occasions the EPA had selected another plan despite the objection of the Borough. In 2018, the cost nearly doubled to at least $45 million.

The Borough repeats its strenuous objection to the plan pursuant to which a rail spur would be installed (and removed) solely for the transportation of the contaminated soil, and again objects to the plan previously selected due to the cost.

This property is zoned industrial/commercial. The Borough would oppose the construction of any building on the site, or any recreational use of the site. It should also be noted that the Borough's land use ordinances prohibit trespassers and hunters from lawfully accessing/using the property.

Once again, the Borough urges the EPA to adopt a more reasonable, cost-effective remedy taking into consideration the current and future commercial/industrial

land use of the site. Additionally, the agency should reopen the record of decision and allow public comment and consider the position and objections of the Borough. We also request that this letter be added to the administrative record.

Very truly yours,

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