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Ms. Leanne Tippet Mosby, Director
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Dear Ms. Mosby:

Thank you for the cooperation and cordiality of your staff, as well as that of the Missouri Petroleum Storage Tank Insurance Fund, during our annual review of Missouri's Underground Storage Tank program. Because of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's observations of continuing delays in release site investigations and corrective actions since our corrective action reviews in 2004 and 2012, we focused on following up on the issues we cited in those reports.

The EPA found during the review this year that most of our findings from 2004 and 2012 still exist. Furthermore, in investigating the causes for delays we found cause for serious concern about the reliability of financial responsibility for corrective action at sites where there are ongoing threats or actual exposures to the public. If these issues are not addressed soon, they could jeopardize approval of State Program Approval and/or our determination of the environmental performance and reliability of PSTIF as Missouri's financial responsibility mechanism.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please provide any comments you have regarding this draft report within the next 30 days. We would also be willing to meet to go over the report if it would be of assistance. If you have any questions, please contact me at 913-551-7845, or Scott Hayes, of my staff, at 913-551-7670.

Sincerely,

John J. Smith,
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cc: Mr. Harry Bozoian, MDNR Director
Mr. Donald McNutt, PSTIF Board Chairman
Ms. Carol Eighmey, PSTIF Executive Director

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