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Re: Ringwood Mines/Landfill Superfund Site

Dear Sirs:

On December 17, 2013, the Ringwood Borough Council unanimously passed Resolution 2013-330, authorizing "the relocation and construction of a new Recycling Center on top of the capped O'Connor Disposal area [OCDA]."

EPA's Record of Decision for Operable Unit 2 at the Ringwood Mines/Landfill Superfund Site (the Site), dated June 30, 2014, (OU2 ROD) selected Alternative 5A (Removal of Fill for Off-Site Disposal) as the remedy for the OCDA. The OU2 ROD also stated that Alternative 4A (Permeable Engineered Cap), the Contingency Remedy, would be adopted contingent upon the satisfaction of several conditions associated with the Ringwood Borough's construction of the Recycling Center on the capped OCDA. These conditions were satisfactorily addressed.

In April 2015, EPA issued an Explanation of Significant Differences (2015 ESD) identifying Alternative 4A as the selected remedy to be designed and implemented for the OCDA. Upon issuance of the 2015 ESD, the design of Alternative 5A for the OCDA was halted and, with respect to the OCDA, Ford and the Borough focused solely on the design of the Contingency Remedy.

On May 18, 2016, the Ringwood Borough Council passed Resolution 2016-158, suspending work on the Recycling Center pending receipt of further information about possible contamination of groundwater by 1,4-dioxane from the OCDA.

As a result of the Borough's action, EPA wrote to Ford and the Borough on December 5, 2016, and required that the design of Alternative 5A resume until such time as the Borough Council made an unequivocal final decision regarding the relocation and construction of the Recycling Center.

On March 23, 2017, the Ringwood Borough passed Resolution 2017-96, which rescinded Resolution 2016-158 and was unanimously approved by the council members in attendance. Based on representations by the Borough that it continues to support the implementation of the Contingency Remedy and the Borough Council's rescission of the resolution that suspended work on the Recycling Center, the Council has now made an unequivocal final decision to relocate and build the Recycling Center on the capped OCDA.

Accordingly, the parties are advised that they may suspend any further work on the design of Alternative 5A and shall concentrate their efforts, in compliance with the terms of the October 2014 Administrative Order on Consent, on the design of the selected remedy, which includes capping the OCDA and constructing the Recycling Center.

Sincerely yours,

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