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Dear Mr. Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Thank you for your letter of April 12, 2017 to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in which you expressed your concerns about the cleanup at the Bishop Tube Company Site (Site) located in Frazier, Pennsylvania.

As you may be aware, EPA performed a Preliminary Assessment and Site Investigation at the Site in the mid-1980s. That information would normally dictate whether or not the Site is sufficiently contaminated to be considered for listing on the National Priorities List (NPL). The NPL is a federal list of the most contaminated sites requiring federal cleanup. In March 1996, however, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania notified EPA that the State did not support listing the Bishop Tube Company site on the NPL. Instead, the Site was subject to the analogous state priority list pursuant to Pennsylvania's Hazardous Site Cleanup Act. Since that time, and because redevelopment of the Site now includes a residential component, a portion of the work is also being implemented under PADEP's Act II Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP).

Accordingly, the status of the Bishop Tube Company Site was moved from "Site Investigation (in progress)" to "Other Cleanup Activity" (OCA) in EPA's data system on November 30, 1999. An OCA qualifier is used to memorialize the referral of a non-NPL site to a state cleanup program for remedial-type work, without benefit of formal EPA enforcement or oversight. This means there is no continuous and substantive involvement on the part of EPA while remedial-type work is ongoing. EPA recognizes the PADEP as the primary regulatory authority at the site.

At this time, EPA performs a monitoring role at the Bishop Tube Company Site by biannually coordinating with PADEP regarding the status of cleanup work. Should conditions change such that federal Superfund involvement becomes necessary, EPA will work with PADEP to determine an alternative approach for addressing the site. EPA will work cooperatively with PADEP in regard to your specific concerns at the site.

If you have any questions, please contact Christopher Vallone, Site Assessment Manager (SAM) for the site at 215/814-3306.

Sincerely,

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