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Sent: 3/1/2023 8:14:19 PM
To: Yoon Kim [yoon@hanmetalusa.com]
CC: Jones, Christopher E [Jones.ChristopherE@epa.gov]
Subject: Mr. Kim-Extension till 3/31/23-EPA Info. Req. of 2/3/23

Good afternoon Mr. Kim:

It was nice speaking with you this morning. You explained that you have moved to a new residence and, therefore, did not timely receive EPA's Information Request dated 2/3/23. Accordingly, EPA is agreeing to provide you with an extension until March 31, 2023, to respond to that information request and to EPA's information Request to Han Metal dated 12/8/22. Your Han Metal response is still missing answers to questions 1 through 16.

If you have questions as you prepare these responses feel free to reach out to us. Thank you for your cooperation.

Kind regards,

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From: Yoon Kim <yoon@hanmetalusa.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2023 5:16 PM
To: Benjamin, Deborah <Benjamin.Deborah@epa.gov>
Cc: Jones, Christopher E <Jones.ChristopherE@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Regards Han Metal USA

Hello,

Thank you so much for the answers. I understand.
I will be available tomorrow all day
So I can call you tomorrow morning at 9am.

Thank you
Best Regards

On Tue, Feb 28, 2023, 3:13 PM Benjamin, Deborah <Benjamin.Deborah@epa.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon Mr. Kim:

Thank you for reaching out- we'd be happy to discuss this matter with you. Please let us know when you are available for a phone call this week and we will schedule something. We look forward to speaking with you soon.

Please see my responses in red to your questions below.

Kind regards,

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From: Yoon Kim <yoon@hanmetalusa.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2023 1:51 PM
To: Benjamin, Deborah <Benjamin.Deborah@epa.gov>
Subject: Regards Han Metal USA

Hello,

This is Yoon Kim at Han Metal USA inc.

I have called at 404-562-9561, but would not be able to connect with you.

Thus, I am writing you an email.

I have received a certified letter that I was supposed to respond to within 30 days of receipt.

While I was preparing it, I received another certified letter about a week ago.

This was sent to my home address, but I have moved to a new house so I didn't have it on time.

This letter also said that I have to respond within 30 day of receipt.

So my question is 30 day starting from the day I physically received it, am I right? The 30 day time frame begins when the letter is delivered. If you did not physically receive it when it was delivered we can discuss that when we speak. EPA is willing to provide you with a reasonable extension.

And one more question: what is the purpose of doing this process? It is standard practice for EPA to send information requests to Site owners/operators and other potentially responsible parties (PRPs) where EPA has expended funds cleaning up a Site. This is so that EPA can understand more about the Site as it seeks reimbursement from the PRPs.

After EPA cleaning up, it has been a year and all the sudden I have received these certified mails.

I honestly thought I would receive a bill from the EPA after cleaning up. A demand letter and accounting of EPA's costs will be sent to you in the near future.

However, I have not received or contacted by the EPA. Just received these certified mails.

Actually, the first one I responded back while ago. I have two more mails after that.

Please explain to me so I can understand better. We can discuss any other questions you may have when we speak.

Thanks

Best Regard,

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Thanks and regards,

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