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REPLY TO ATTENTION OF:
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December 27, 2017

Ms. Abigail Hendershott
Michigan Department of Environmental Quality
District Supervisor, Remediation and Redevelopment Division
Grand Rapids District Office
State Office Building, 5th Floor 350 Ottawa Avenue NW, Unit 10
Grand Rapids, MI 49503-2341

Dear Ms. Hendershott:

This letter requests that the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) identify all Applicable, Relevant, and Appropriate Requirements (ARARs) for the proposed investigation and removal actions anticipated to take place at the Wolverine Worldwide Tannery and House Street Disposal Area Site (Site) located at 123 North Main Street, Rockford, 49341, and 1855 House Street, Plainfield Township, 49306, Kent County, Michigan. Any State ARARs identified in a timely manner for this removal action will be complied with to the extent practicable.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has proposed a time-critical removal action to complete a full extent of contamination study and remove hazardous waste and pollutants and/or contaminants from the Site. Upon approval of an Action Memorandum, U.S. EPA plans to characterize, consolidate and properly dispose of these wastes. It is anticipated that U.S. EPA and Wolverine Worldwide, Inc. (Wolverine), as the Potential Responsible Party, will enter into an Administrative Order and Wolverine will conduct the work with direction and oversight from U.S. EPA. The wastes are comprised of hazardous substances at the site of the former tannery facility and an off site historic disposal location for the tannery wastes.

Federal ARARs for this Site primarily include the provisions of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA). As the wastes being dealt may be RCRA characteristic or listed wastes, they will be handled accordingly. Wastes will be transported to and disposed at an acceptable treatment, storage, and disposal facility pursuant to the U.S. EPA Off-Site Rule.

If you have any questions regarding this request, or require more detailed information concerning the Site, please contact me at (734) 692-7688.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey W. Kimble

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U.S. EPA, On-Scene Coordinator

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