The Honorable Bobby J. Hopewell
Mayor of Kalamazoo
241 West South Street
Kalamazoo, Michigan 49007-4796

Dear Mayor Hopewell:

Thank you for your April 4, 2013 letter regarding the City of Kalamazoo's concerns about the Allied Paper Landfill portion of the Allied Paper/Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund Site.

As you know, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is evaluating a variety of cleanup alternatives for this site. EPA will continue to work with you and other stakeholders to address concerns about the Feasibility Study before issuing a proposed cleanup plan for public comment. We look forward to our next meeting on May 16, 2013.

EPA shares your concern about ensuring the continued safety of Kalamazoo's drinking water supply. Additionally, EPA is committed to preventing site contamination from reaching Portage Creek and the Kalamazoo River. EPA is confident that when a remedy is selected it will address all current and future threats from site contamination and will protect human health and the environment.

Again, thank you for your letter. If you have further questions, please contact Richard Karl, Superfund Division Director, at (312) 353-9773.

Sincerely,

Susan Hedman
Regional Administrator