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Re: Diamond Alkali Site – Lower Passaic River Study Area
Administrative Agreement and Order on Consent for Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study CERCLA Docket No. 02-2007-2009

Dear Mr. Hyatt:

This will respond to your letter dated January 8, 2015, submitted on behalf of the Cooperating Parties Group (CPG) to request a meeting with Region 2 to discuss the CPG's Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (RI/FS) of the 17-mile Lower Passaic River Study Area, which is being performed under EPA oversight.

We are available to meet with you in early February, to discuss the RI/FS, including the remedy selection process which you have indicated as a primary subject of the meeting. We appreciate that your letter acknowledges that we will not discuss the CPG's comments on the Proposed Plan for the lower eight miles of the Passaic River.

We will contact you shortly to discuss potential meeting dates. If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Flanagan, Assistant Regional Counsel at 212-637-3136.

Sincerely yours,

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