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Alice Yeh
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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region II
Emergency and Remedial Response Division
290 Broadway, 19th Floor, Room W-20
New York, NY 10007-1866

Re: **Monthly Progress Report No. 48**
Combined Sewer Overflow/Stormwater Outfall Investigation
Diamond Alkali Superfund Site (Lower Passaic River Study Area)

Dear Ms. Yeh:

Submitted herein is the Monthly Progress Report for work performed as part of the Combined Sewer Overflow/Stormwater Outfall Investigation for the Diamond Alkali Superfund Site (Lower Passaic River Study Area). This progress report has been prepared pursuant to Section IX Paragraph 53 of the Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent between the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Occidental Chemical Corporation, Index No. CERCLA-02-2011-2016.

If you have any questions, please call me at 732.246.5920.

Sincerely,

Brian Mikucki
Project Scientist
On behalf of Occidental Chemical Corporation
(as successor to Diamond Shamrock Chemicals Company)

Enclosures

Cc: Carol E. Dinkins, Vinson & Elkins

MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT NO. 48
COMBINED SEWER OVERFLOW/STORMWATER OUTFALL INVESTIGATION
DIAMOND ALKALI SUPERFUND SITE (LOWER PASSAIC RIVER STUDY AREA)
WORK PERIOD: SEPTEMBER 2015

Actions Taken Towards Achieving Compliance with the Order

- Tierra submitted CSO Response to EPA Comments Documents on the following Phase I Reports on September 18, 2015:
    - Phase I Evaluation and Recommendation Report
    - Data Quality Usability and Assessment Report
    - Total TCDD Verification Memorandum

USEPA and Other Information/Correspondence Received

- None during this reporting period

Sampling or Testing Results Received or Generated During the Course of Implementing the Work

- None during this reporting period.

Future Plans, Actions and Data Scheduled for October and November 2015

- Meet with USEPA to discuss the Response to EPA Comments Documents, and identify scope for Phase II. (November 2015).

Actual or Potential Violations, Other Problems Encountered and Corrective Actions

- None during this reporting period.

Delays Encountered or Anticipated and Mitigation Actions

- None during this reporting period.