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By Email and Courier

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Re: Draft Bioremediation Work Plan for Newark Bay and the Lower Passaic River

Dear Mr. Schaaf:

By letter dated May 15, 2014, to Mr. James Woolford on behalf of our clients, Occidental Chemical Corporation, Maxus Energy Corporation, and Tierra Solutions, Inc., we submitted a proposed Statement of Work for a field scale in situ sediment bioremediation pilot project prepared by Professor John Pardue of Louisiana State University. Thereafter, in our meeting on May 29, 2014, with Assistant Administrator Stanislaus, which Region 2 officials attended by telephone, Dr. Pardue described the proposed study, following which Mr. Walter Mugdan responded that he looked forward to receipt of the Work Plan, as confirmed by my June 6 letter to Mr. Walter Mugdan.

Please find enclosed Dr. Pardue's Draft Work Plan & Design: Newark Bay and Lower Passaic River In Situ Bioremediation Pilot Study.

We would appreciate an opportunity to meet to discuss this Work Plan and to answer any questions Region 2 may have. We are available at your convenience July 28 - 31.

Please do not hesitate to let me know if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

Carol Dinkins

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