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CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Vinicius P. Castagnola, Vice President
Environmental & Regulatory Compliance
New York City School Construction Authority
30-30 Thomson Avenue
Long Island City, New York 11101

Dear Mr. Castagnola:

This is in response to the New York City School Construction Authority's (SCA's) August 25, 2009 submission regarding the remediation plan to address polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) contamination at Primary School 55. The school is located at 54 Osborne Street in Staten Island, New York. In its submission, SCA proposes a modification to the cleanup plan previously approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on July 9, 2009. SCA's correspondence dated August 25, 2009, as well as its electronic message dated August 27, 2009, will be referred to as the "Application Amendment."

The proposed modification revises the remediation plan to include removal of PCB-contaminated debris that has collected between rocks embedded in concrete on the west side of the school, with subsequent power washing of the area (this area was initially believed to contain soil). Additionally, rubber playground tiles located in the area will be removed and disposed of as PCB remediation waste that is presumed to contain PCBs at or above 50 parts per million.

EPA finds that the proposed modification is in conformance with the self-implementing cleanup and disposal requirements under 40 CFR §761.61(a). The Agency is therefore approving your request for modification of the cleanup plan previously approved by EPA, and you may proceed with the cleanup and disposal under 40 CFR §§761.61(a) and (c), the Application Amendment, and this modification.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact James S. Haklar, Ph.D., P.E., of my staff, at (732) 906-6817.

Sincerely yours,

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