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SUBJECT: Key Products Inc. site visit

At approximately 10 am, Wednesday, April 14, 1999, Scott Ferguson (DNR, Hazardous Waste) and I visited the former Key Products, Inc. Permission to enter the premises was granted by Claudia Gehl on Friday, April 9, 1999 and on the same day by the current owner Krausel Tools. Ms. Gehl sold this property, through land contract, to Krausel Tools shortly after Key Products vacated the premises with the stipulation the Key Products was the responsible party and that Krausel Tools would have no responsibility for the investigation nor cleanup of the contamination present on-site at the time of closing the land contract. This site visit was performed because enforcement action is being taken against Key Products. The purpose of this visit was to see if the staining reported in Moraine's Phase I was still present, to possibly obtain samples of the residue or the water inside the drain, and for a general site overview for the enforcement conference. We anticipated that sampling would be impossible because of the elapsed time (4 years). Also the new owner has been operating in the facility since Key Products vacated the premises in 1994.

The current owner Krausel Tools, allowed us access to the drains and discussed their operation practices with us. The current owner manufactures new metal parts and also uses paint and paint solvents. The paint solvent that are used on the premises is mineral spirits, a compound not found in the groundwater or soil on site. The owner, Scott, showed us two drains. The first drain, the one that was reported to have staining, was in the area of the building where the owner painted the floor. Any staining was covered by the paint. The second drain was not painted over and did not exhibit any staining. Both drain covers were welded on. PID readings were taken at both drain locations, both displayed 0 ppm. Both the inside and outside of the facility was very clean and organized.

An outside inspection was also conducted. The previously unpaved area is now paved with asphalt. It appears to have been done recently. Scott and I also looked at the area of the excavation near the dock. There was paint splattered on the dock door and the walk in door. The monitoring well (MW-1) cover was almost completely covered with gravel. The surrounding businesses are: 1) Interstate Batteries - 8634-8634 W. Kaul, shares the alley (by excavation) with Krausel Tools, it appears to be a warehouse for storing batteries (car), 2) D&K Cylinder Repair, Inc. - 8608 W. Kaul, next door to Interstate Batteries, appears to be a auto repair shop, 3) Expo Machine MFG - 8627 W. Kaul, across Kaul from Interstate Batteries, also appears to be an auto repair shop, and 4) K&W Manufacturing - attached to Krausel Tools building. Key reports that the source of the contamination is from Expo Machine MFG. Scott, owner of Krausel Tools, used to work at Key Products and was informed that the contamination is coming from Interstate Batteries. Three photographs were taken during the outside inspection. The first is down the "alley" where the excavation occurred. The center of the "alley" is the property line with the Interstate Batteries facility on the right side of the picture and Key Products on the left. At the end of the photo the dock is visible. The second photo is of the Dock where the paint and paint solvents were spilled with MW-1 barely visible in the foreground. The third picture is of the

previously unpaved parking lot.

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