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Mr. Jerome Smits, City Administrator  
City of DePere  
335 S. Broadway  
DePere, WI 54115-2593

Subject: Better-Brite Chrome Shop Proposed Wastewater Pretreatment System - Cooperative Agreement

Dear Mr. Smits:

Thank you for attending the meeting on December 12, 1988, between the City of DePere, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency representatives to discuss the Better-Brite Chrome Facility, located at 519 Lande Street, DePere, Wisconsin.

As we discussed at the meeting, the E.P.A. - Emergency Response Section has agreed to finance the design, purchase and installation of a chemical wastewater pretreatment system and to maintain the system for the first year of operation. Prior to purchasing the treatment system, the E.P.A. requires a written commitment from the DNR and/or the City of DePere to maintain the system after the first year.

Therefore, the Department requests that you seek authorization from the City of DePere Common Council in order for the City to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Wisconsin DNR for the operation and maintenance of the pretreatment system. Preliminary cost estimates for the operation and maintenance of a 2,000 gallon per day chemical treatment system with sludge dryer is \$20,000 per year. The cost could increase if the design flow rate were increased. The division of financial responsibility and duration of the cooperative agreement could be negotiated pending City Council approval.

Ideally, the treatment system would be on-line by the end of March, prior to the spring snow melt event when an influx of contaminants are introduced to the groundwater aquifer. In order to expedite the installation, we request that you introduce the cooperative agreement at the next council meeting scheduled for January 9, 1989. We appreciate the cooperation and assistance the City of DePere has provided on this project. If you have any questions, please contact me at 497-4397.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James Reyburn".

James Reyburn  
Hazardous Waste Specialist

cc: Mr. Mark Giesfeldt - SW/3  
Mr. Dave Benner - City of DePere

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Mr. Steve Faryan, U.S. EPA, Region V