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**SUBJECT:** Former Hazardous Waste Incinerator Closure;  
Results of Soil Vapor Extraction Pilot-Scale Test;  
Cook Composites and Polymers Co.;  
Saukville, WI 53080  
U.S. EPA I.D. No.: WID980615439

Dear Mr. Bostwick:

This letter has been prepared in response to your September 19, 1993 submittal that details the results of the soil vapor extraction pilot-scale test for the closure of Cook Composites and Polymers' (CCP) former hazardous waste incinerator.

The Department has reviewed this submittal. We understand CCP's situation and the impact of this past summer's greater-than-normal precipitation on the pilot SVE test. We want to work with CCP in a manner that is conscious of the high water table, but also sets some boundaries on actions so that the remediation of the soil contamination is appropriately addressed.

Towards this end, we would appreciate some clarification from CCP on the recommendations found in Section 2 of the submittal. Specifically, we are very willing to allow water table monitoring to determine when the water table has fallen to a more acceptable level for completion of the SVE pilot test. However, we would be more comfortable with this approach if there was a clearer definition of the phrase "recede to historical levels." Since the issue has been raised that the water table may have been depressed from "normal" levels because of past drought and other conditions, the Department would appreciate an objective approach to when the SVE pilot-scale tests can be resumed. For example, at what water table level does CCP believe that it is appropriate that the SVE pilot-scale tests can proceed? Based on the water table monitoring that CCP presumably has been performing, at what time *might* we expect the next pilot test to be performed? We are not looking for a long and detailed submittal,

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merely a letter that addresses this issue and considers the possibilities and reasonably commits CCP to a strategy for seeing this closure through.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 608/266-0061.

Sincerely,



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