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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF

OCT 08 2003

Renee Cipriano, Director
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
1021 N. Grand Avenue East
Springfield, Illinois 62702

Re: Record of Decision for New Jersey Zinc/Mobil Chemical Site in DePue, Illinois

Dear Ms. Cipriano:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) has reviewed the Record of Decision (ROD) and the Responsiveness Summary prepared for the South Ditch Interim Action at the above-referenced Site that was prepared by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA). The USEPA also reviewed the Proposed Plan and attended the Public Meeting about this Proposed Plan on October 9, 2002.

The USEPA concurs with the IEPA in selection of Alternative #4B - Removal of Unnatural Sediment with on-site stabilization and consolidation as an Interim Action at the Site. As noted in the ROD, several permits, certifications or waivers may be required to implement the selected remedy.

We look forward to continuing to work with your agency on this Site in the future. If you should have any questions about this matter, please contact Wendy Carney at (312) 353-6553.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Wendy Carney for", is written over the typed name of William E. Muno.

William E. Muno, Director
Superfund Division