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**RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

Mr. Gregory Franz, Borough Administrator  
Borough of Edgewater  
55 River Road  
Edgewater, NJ 07020

Re: Modification of the September 8, 2104 Approval for Cleanup and Disposal of  
PCB Remediation Waste under 40 CFR § 761.61(a)  
Veterans Field, 1167 River Road, Edgewater, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Franz:

This letter is in response to a request submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) for a modification to the September 8, 2014 approval (“Approval”) issued to the Borough of Edgewater, New Jersey (“Edgewater” or “the Borough”) for the remediation of PCB waste at Veterans Field. The request was submitted on the Borough’s behalf by First Environment, Inc. (“First Environment”) in a December 10, 2014 letter to the EPA Region 2 Administrator, which was updated and supplemented by a letter dated December 17, 2014.

Edgewater’s September 8, 2014 Approval authorized the cleanup and disposal of polychlorinated biphenyl (“PCB”) remediation waste, as described in First Environment’s August 11, 2014 notification of self-implementing on-site cleanup and disposal of PCB remediation waste, submitted pursuant to the regulations at 40 CFR § 761.61(a). The notification was supplemented by letters dated August 21, 2014 and August 27, 2014 (the three submissions are collectively referred to as the “Application”). The Application addressed PCB contamination in the soil of this 27.58 acre parcel, which serves as a community park and recreation area. The remediation plan for the site included the excavation of all soils with PCBs over 0.2 parts per million (“ppm”) and proper disposal of the material.

This modification request proposes minor changes to the remedial strategy for limited areas on the site where groundwater is encountered during excavation. In these areas, the

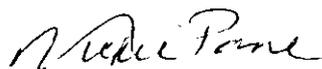
Borough now proposes to leave up to 10 ppm PCB in place and install a cap (either a subsurface clay cap or a surface asphalt or concrete cap, depending on the location) over the area. These areas would be identified and in a deed restriction for the site. In those locations where PCBs are present over 10 ppm at the groundwater interface, the soil would be dewatered and excavated until the 10 ppm level is reached. No soils over 10 ppm PCB will be left in place at or below groundwater level.

EPA finds that the modified excavation and engineering/institutional controls are acceptable for purposes of compliance with the PCB cleanup standards for high occupancy areas. EPA hereby approves the amendment to Edgewater's Approval, and it may proceed with the revised plan for remediation under 40 CFR § 761.61(a). This amended Approval constitutes an order under the authority of Section 6 of the Toxic Substances Control Act, 15 U.S.C. § 2605.

Please provide a status and/or final report summarizing the cleanup within one year of the date of this letter. If after one year the cleanup remains ongoing, please provide quarterly status updates until such time as a final report can be submitted. The final report must include, where relevant, a certification regarding any required deed restriction, per 40 CFR § 761.61(a)(8)(i)(B).

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Ms. Ann Finnegan of my staff at (732) 906-6177 or at [finnegan.ann@epa.gov](mailto:finnegan.ann@epa.gov).

Sincerely yours,



John Gorman, Chief *for*  
Pesticides and Toxic Substances Branch

cc: New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection  
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D. Lattanzi, First Environment