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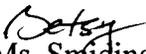
Brent H. Everett
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Betsy Smidinger
Assistant Regional Administrator
Ecosystems Protection and Remediation
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 8
1595 Wynkoop Street, 8EPR-AR
Denver, Colorado 80202-1129

RE: Letter of Support for the Proposed Time-Critical Removal Action at the Reilly Tar Site in Utah County, Utah


Dear Ms. Smidinger:

The Utah Department of Environmental Quality's Division of Environmental Response and Remediation (DERR) supports the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) proposal to conduct a limited removal action at the Reilly Tar site near Provo in Utah County, Utah (Site). The DERR recently had the unique opportunity to partner with the EPA in working with both the Site Assessment and the Emergency Response & Preparedness Programs at the Site.

Specifically, our staff provided technical support for the Site Assessment program by collecting surface water and sediment samples from the Ironton Canal to assess the potential for ecological impacts from the historic coal tar operations at the former facility. During the same field event, our staff also provided technical support for the removal assessment that was being conducted by Martin McComb, one of your On-Scene Coordinators.

The DERR is hoping to access all available funds from the Vertellus Specialties Environmental Response Trust fund to be used at the Site for a limited removal action which will help stabilize the Site and reduce the long-term impacts to the environment from the volatile and semi-volatile hydrocarbons that remain in the on-site soils.

The DERR is looking forward to continuing our partnership in working with the EPA to protect human health and the environment in the State of Utah; specifically at the Reilly Tar Site with this proposed removal action.

If you have any questions regarding this letter of support, please contact Dale Urban at (801) 536-4145 or at urban@utah.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brent H. Everett". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "B" and "E".

Brent H. Everett, Director
Division of Environmental Response and Remediation

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cc: Scott Anderson, Director, Division of Waste Management and Radiation Control
Martin McComb, On-Scene Coordinator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Bryce Larsen, Environmental Director, Utah County Health Department