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U.S. EPA, REGION II  
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DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

Dear Mr. Caspe:

RE: Gordon Finishing Company  
Johnstown, Fulton County  
Request for Emergency Removal

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) hereby requests the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) to perform an appropriate CERCLA emergency response action at the above-referenced site.

The site is a former leather finishing operation that closed in 1999. Abandoned drums and containers containing potentially hazardous chemicals (unknown organics, caustics, and dyes containing metals) have been discovered at the site, several of which are rusted, leaking, or bulging. Based upon the potential release of hazardous chemicals, it is necessary that a response action be undertaken to identify, stabilize, and dispose of these materials.

It is our understanding that the site was brought to the attention of the USEPA by the City of Johnstown (City). Therefore, any questions or request for additional information relating to this site should be directed to the City.

Sincerely,



Michael J. O'Toole, Jr.

Director

Division of Environmental Remediation

cc: B. Sprague - USEPA, Region II, New Jersey  
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