



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION VII
901 NORTH 5TH STREET
KANSAS CITY, KANSAS 66101

10.3 FEB 2004

Mr. Paul Reid
2009 W. 75th Place
Davenport, IA 52806

Dear Mr. Reid:

This letter summarizes a telephone conversation on January 16, 2004, between you and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The call concerned the City of Davenport, Iowa, Brownfields Cleanup Grant proposal for the "Meyer" property (Proposal R07-04-C-005b). Jim Callier, Branch Manager, and Bob Richards, Attorney, spoke on behalf of EPA. You requested that EPA write you this letter summarizing our conversation.

In the call you identified yourself as a mortgage holder on the Meyer property, and stated that you are disputing as improper the City's planned acquisition of the property through court proceedings to enforce its lien on the property (which the proposal states is for the City's costs in clearing surface debris from the property).

Also, in the call EPA informed you that the Davenport's cleanup grant proposal is part of a national competition and that the City may or may not be awarded the grant. Announcement of the competition winners is expected in May, 2004, give or take a month. Award would not indicate any position by EPA for or against you in your dispute with the City, or on the priority of liens. The EPA considers the court proceedings a matter between you and the City. If a grant is awarded to the City, no part of the grant can be used for property acquisition, and no cleanup activities can take place until the City acquires fee title to the property, or equivalent title to the exclusion of all others.

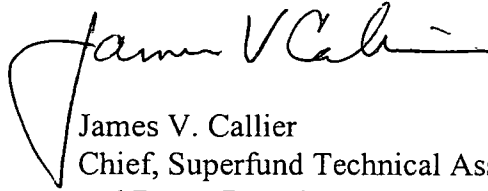
Finally, EPA informed you that a copy of this letter would be placed in the information file for the City's proposal, and forwarded with the proposal in the national competition process. Also, courtesy copies would be provided to the City of Davenport and to the State of Iowa Department of Natural Resources.

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Should you have additional questions in this matter, please contact Jim Callier at (913) 551-7646.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James V. Callier". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a distinct "V" for the middle name.

James V. Callier
Chief, Superfund Technical Assistance
and Reuse Branch

cc: Proposal R07-04-C-005b information file
City of Davenport, Iowa
Iowa Department of Natural Resources ✓
Bob Richards, EPA Region 7