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Des Moines, IA 50319

RE: Pottawattamie County Development Corporation/9th Ave. Parcel

Dear Mr. Obr:

I represent the Pottawattamie County Development Corporation and have been requested by Bob Mundt to respond to your letter to Mr. Mundt of November 18, 1998.

Mr. Mundt and I have met on occasion with officials of the owner of the property, Alter Trading Corporation, and their counsel. It is my understanding that Alter is contracting with Foth & Van Dyke to formulate an alternative remediation plan that will accommodate the rail spur which was placed by Alter Trading Corporation on its property.

I see your November 18, 1998, letter was also mailed to Alter Trading Corporation. I am faxing a copy to Alter's counsel, Curtis E. Beason, in the event he has not seen your letter. I trust that Mr. Beason and his client will be submitting an alternate plan to DNR. Perhaps they've already done so.

Although my client does not own the property, it recognizes that a final resolution of this issue must be reached. In that regard, Pottawattamie County Development Corporation has been, and continues to be, ready and willing to do whatever it can to facilitate a resolution of the issue that will be satisfactory to the Department of Natural Resources.

Sincerely,

Jack E. Ruesch

