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Midwest Metals Inc.
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Dear Mr. Pierce

This letter is to inform you that the site investigation report submitted by TH Agriculture & Nutrition, L.L.C. and Harcros Chemicals Inc shows that the contamination did not originate from the Gate City/Midwest Metals facility. Therefore, Gate City nor Midwest Metals would be responsible for the site remediation activities. The financial burden falls on the responsible parties. This is explained in IAC 567 133.3(4).

TH Agriculture & Nutrition, L.L.C. and Harcros Chemicals Inc will be **required** to plan a strategy for remedial action and long term monitoring of the site. CHM2Hill has informed me that some of the temporary monitoring wells will need to be converted to long term monitoring wells and with the extent of the contamination I agree. This may cause some inconveniences for you from time to time but the long term payoff is a clean site. Many of the inconveniences can be minimized with helping TH Agriculture & Nutrition, L.L.C. and Harcros Chemicals Inc pick the best locations that will help them collect the needed data and minimize interference with your day to day operations.

The development and implementation of the remedial action plan will be left up to Harcros and TH Agriculture within the requirements of IAC 567 133, but one of the things I will be requiring is the removal of the contaminated soil piles on the back lot. They will have 60 days from the time I send the letter to submit a plan so any cleanup actions may not begin until this coming spring.

If you have any questions or need further information please feel free to call or e-mail at (515) 281-4171 or dcook@max.state.ia.us.

Sincerely,

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Contaminated Sites

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