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Tami S. Rice
Iowa Department of Natural Resources
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RE: WATERTOWER PAINT & REPAIR CO., CLEAR LAKE, IOWA

Dear Ms. Rice:

I met today with the officers of Watertower Paint & Repair Co., with respect to the contents of the April 7, 2010 letter. As you know, the Watertower site is not a designated Superfund site. Moreover, the company disagrees that the site is a significant risk as that phrase is defined by Iowa law. However, the company agrees that quarterly groundwater monitoring should be conducted for a period of one year with the poplar trees maintained, for that period and longer, or replaced, as needed. Your statement to the effect that a reduced monitoring schedule would be considered by the department, after the one year period, is appreciated.

The company is proceeding to contact several recognized investigators for the purpose of determining the vertical definition of PCE contamination with respect to, most notably, source well MW-3 but, also, with respect to source wells 2, 4, 7, 8, and 10. This investigation will also relate to the substance dichloroethene as found in source well 3.

Once an investigator is hired, and its work completed, you will be favored with a copy of any reports that the investigator issues.

I am not sure that the May 31, 2010 can be met because any investigator which the company may retain has existing work ahead of ours which may be of more serious nature resulting in some delay in the onset of the investigation which your department requests.

Please advise if you have any questions, whatsoever, with respect to this submission.

Very truly yours,

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