



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

**REGION 7**

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Lenexa, Kansas 66219

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Mr. Arthur Kern  
Metro Park East Landfill  
12181 NE University Avenue  
Mitchellville, Iowa 50169

RE: Collins Aerospace  
2200 Delevan Drive  
West Des Moines, Iowa 50265  
RCRA ID No.: IAD981729866

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Mitchellville, Iowa 50169

Dear Mr. Kern:

On October 10, 2019, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency was notified that hazardous waste generated by United Technologies Corporation at the Collins Aerospace facility referenced above, was disposed at Metro Park East Landfill located at 12181 NE University Avenue, Mitchellville, Iowa. The notification explained that 200 to 250 tons of soil contaminated with tetrachloroethylene, at concentrations that exceed regulatory limits, was transported and disposed at Metro park East Landfill on approximately September 23 and 24, 2019. The contaminated soil was generated as part of a remediation project being conducted by UTC at the Collins Aerospace facility located at 2200 Devlin Drive in West Des Moines, Iowa.

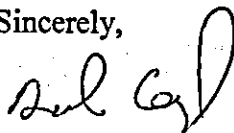
My staff has reviewed the information and documents provided to the EPA on October 10 and 11, 2019. The EPA has also discussed this situation with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources and you as the representative of Metro Park East Landfill. Upon review of the specific facts related to this incident, the EPA, with the concurrence of IDNR, has determined that leaving the contaminated soil in place at the Metro Park East landfill is an appropriate resolution to this situation. Removing the contaminated soil could create a potential exposure to human health, as well as increased potential for environmental impacts from the waste. The EPA has also determined that the Metro Park East Landfill regularly samples for PCE and any releases would be detected through the sampling protocol and that corrective actions are in place in the event such detections were made.



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Please note that nothing in this letter authorizes Metro Park East Landfill to accept any waste it is not permitted to accept. The EPA reserves its right to pursue appropriate enforcement actions against all responsible parties concerning this incident. Please direct all questions concerning this letter to Ms. Wenner, of my staff, at (913) 551-7644 or by email at [wenner.rebecca@epa.gov](mailto:wenner.rebecca@epa.gov).

Sincerely,



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