



## REGION 7 ADMINISTRATOR

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May 15, 2025

The Honorable Kimberly Reynolds  
Governor of Iowa  
Iowa State Capitol  
1007 East Grand Avenue #101  
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

Dear Governor Reynolds:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is considering proposing the General Motors S.C. site in Sioux City, Iowa to the Superfund National Priorities List, based on its authority under Section 105 of the *Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act*, as amended, 42 U.S.C. Section 9605. The NPL contains a list of priority sites with releases of hazardous substances, pollutants or contaminants that require evaluation for possible remediation. It is the EPA's policy to determine the state's position on sites that the EPA is considering placing on the NPL. With this letter, the EPA is seeking the concurrence from the state of Iowa on placing the GM site on the NPL.

The GM site is within the valley of the Missouri River in Sioux City, Iowa. A Sioux City municipal drinking water wellfield is along the Missouri River southeast of the site, with the closest water supply well located approximately 800 feet from the sources at the site. GM discovered chlorinated volatile organic compounds in soil and groundwater at the site while performing a Phase II Environmental Site Assessment in preparation for the sale of the property in 1993. Subsequent sampling identified CVOCs in the groundwater above their respective Maximum Contaminant Levels, including detections of 1,1-dichloroethane at 9.6 micrograms per liter in the Sioux City water supply well #3. Use of this well was later discontinued due to the presence of site related contaminants.

The state of Iowa signed a Record of Decision with GM to conduct groundwater treatment and install a hydraulic capture system in 2001. The state then deferred lead regulatory role to the EPA after GM declared bankruptcy in 2009. Using funding from the GM bankruptcy settlement agreement, the EPA has operated and maintained the site since 2011. Remaining funds from the settlement agreement will provide for the operation and maintenance of the site for several years, but they will not be sufficient to complete a Remedial Action of soil and groundwater. To secure additional funding for cleanup, the EPA must propose the site to the NPL. This will secure needed resources and authorization to perform a Remedial Action at the site.

Since the GM bankruptcy, the EPA, the Iowa Department of Natural Resources and local officials have worked together for site maintenance and annual monitoring activities. This cooperation has been critical to ensure that the EPA's actions are conducted in an open and transparent manner. The EPA is committed to maintaining these relationships and will continue coordination with the state and local community throughout the listing and cleanup process. Prior to the initiation of the Remedial Action, the EPA and the state will collaborate in the development of a Superfund state contract to provide the state assurances required by *CERCLA*, for example, the state's statutory cost share for the Remedial Action and assumption of operation and maintenance responsibilities.

The EPA is requesting a written response to this letter from your office or from the IDNR by June 20, 2025. The EPA has set this date to allow adequate time to meet the proposed rule schedule. The response letter should indicate whether the state supports placement of the site on the NPL. If the state does not support listing, the state should describe the alternative approach to placement on the NPL that will ensure the identified priority site and associated release will be addressed. While we anticipate state support for this listing, if a response is not received within 30 days of receipt of this letter, the EPA will proceed with the listing decision. The EPA plans to share information with the community regarding the state's position, which may include public availability sessions and posting site information on the internet. The EPA will invite the IDNR to participate in any community meetings during the listing process.

We will continue to work closely and seek input from the state as the listing process proceeds. We appreciate your consideration of this matter. If additional information is needed or you would like to meet to discuss this matter further, please call me at (913) 551-7006, or your staff may wish to contact Bob Jurgens, Superfund and Emergency Management Division Director, at (913) 551-7283.

Sincerely,

**Macy,  
James**

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