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Re: Responses to EPA comments on the Action Memoranda for DRMO and the Spent Acid Disposal Sites

Dear Mr. Evans:

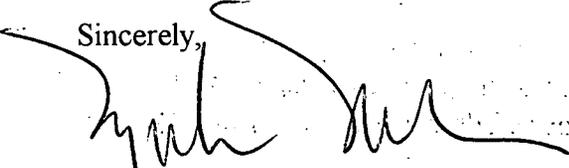
I am writing in response to your request for EPA to review *Responses to EPA comments on the Action Memoranda for DRMO and the Spent Acid Disposal Sites*. In general, the responses adequately address the comments raised in my letter to you dated November 4, 1994. The two questions that I have regarding this document are discussed below.

First, EPA stated that the hot spots should be excavated until contaminant levels are either less than or equal to the cleanup standard, or if groundwater is encountered. The revised Action Memorandum should discuss whether this was met. It may be too soon to limit the depth of excavation to three feet, as possible sources of contamination may be deeper than this. EPA recommends that the any contamination below the three foot strata be evaluated as part of future investigations.

Second, EPA expressed concern that the technology selected for treatment of lead and PCB contaminated soil may not be compatible with VOCs in the soil. A discussion of whether the VOC levels in the soils will limit the remediation technology proposed should be presented - regardless if they are contaminants of concern.

I look forward to working with you toward a final remedy for the DRMO yard and the Spent Acid disposal area. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (617) 573-5777 should you have any questions or wish to arrange a meeting.

Sincerely,


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