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July 16, 2018

Ms. Cathy Stepp
Regional Administrator
U.S. EPA, Region V
Mail Code: R-19J
77 West Jackson Boulevard
Chicago, Illinois 60604-3507

Dear Ms. Stepp:

Re: Proposed inclusion of the Cliff Drive Groundwater Contamination Site, Logansport, Cass County, Indiana, on the National Priorities List of Hazardous Waste Sites

I am writing to recommend inclusion of the Cliff Drive Groundwater Contamination Site on the National Priorities List (NPL) of hazardous waste sites. The Site (EPA ID # INN000510272) consists of a contaminated groundwater plume that is impacting four (4) of the city's five (5) municipal wells that provide drinking water to residents of Logansport. The raw water in the four (4) municipal wells has been contaminated primarily with tetrachloroethylene (PCE) above U.S. EPA drinking water Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs).

Logansport Municipal Utilities operates the drinking water treatment plant in Logansport and provides drinking water for over 18,000 people in Logansport. The four (4) impacted wells supply drinking water to at least 14,965 people. IDEM has identified at least 23 commercial/industrial facilities in addition to approximately 100 current or former drycleaners that may be considered possible sources of the contamination to the well field through laboratory verified sampling.

This site qualifies for inclusion on the NPL based on the following:

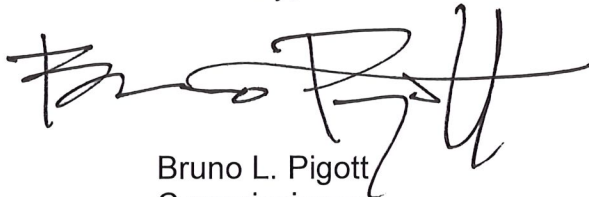
- 1) The site meets the National Oil and Hazardous Substance Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP) criteria for listing on the NPL, as the site scores sufficiently high pursuant to the Hazard Ranking System (HRS); and
- 2) The site requires a long-term response action.

A NPL listing would allow for proper and timely investigation into the nature and extent of the contamination of the potential sources and enable the U.S. EPA to

determine cleanup alternatives for the impacted areas, thereby protecting human health and the environment. The NPL listing is the most viable alternative for addressing the existing environmental problems.

As IDEM Commissioner, I am authorized by Indiana Governor Eric J. Holcomb to act in these matters on his behalf. I have considered my staff's recommendations and I fully support the designation of the Cliff Drive Groundwater Contamination Site for inclusion on the NPL. I request that the U.S. EPA assign a Remedial Project Manager and/or On-Scene Coordinator to implement the process. If you require any additional information or have any questions, please contact Mark Jaworski of the Site Investigation Program at 317-233-2407 or via email at MJAWORSK@idem.in.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bruno L. Pigott', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Bruno L. Pigott
Commissioner

cc: Denise Boone, U.S. EPA
Nuria Muniz, U.S. EPA