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Washington, D.C. 20530

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Arthur R. Sigel
President
Velsicol Chemical Corporation
5600 N. River
Des Plaines, Illinois 60018

Re: Aidex site response action (Superfund)

Dear Mr. Sigel:

Pursuant to Section 104 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. §9604, and using funds provided under authority of CERCLA, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) undertook response actions in response to the release or threat of release of hazardous substances, pollutants or contaminants into the environment from a site located approximately six miles northwest of Glenwood, Iowa, at the intersection of Interstate 29 and Iowa Highway 370. The site is commonly referred to as the "Aidex" site, after a corporation which formerly did business there. The response actions, which began in 1980 and concluded in November, 1986 included:

- a. The collection and transportation to EPA-approved sites of solid and liquid chemical wastes and contaminated debris;
- b. The removal of contaminated surface soils from a drum storage area to a storage area constructed on-site;
- c. The installation of wells to monitor the levels of contamination of groundwater by hazardous substances;
- d. The removal of approximately 18,900 cubic yards of soil contaminated with pesticides;

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- e. The removal of approximately 570 cubic yards of buried bulk and drummed pesticide wastes from a drum burial trench;
- f. The removal of approximately 900 linear feet of railroad track and contaminated ballast;
- g. The filling of excavated areas with approximately 18,858 cubic yards of clean fill;
- h. The cleaning of four buildings and a batching pit on the site;
- i. Various construction activities;
- j. Sampling, analysis, and various other investigative activities;
- k. Site security and maintenance.

As of November 30, 1986, the cost of response actions undertaken by the United States in connection with the site, including those actions described above, was approximately \$10,013,700. (There may occur additional expenditures of funds under authority of CERCLA for additional response activities related to the site).

Information available to the United States indicates that your company arranged for the disposal of hazardous substances at the Aidex site. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 107(a) of CERCLA and other authorities you are liable for payment of response costs related to the site.

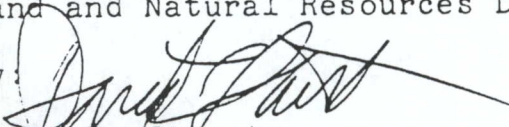
Demand is hereby made upon you for payment of the above stated sum as well as for the costs of any additional response actions related to the site. The United States is also contacting other persons whom information indicates are liable for payment of the costs of response activities related to the site. Please contact Barbara L. Peterson, Esq., at the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region VII, 726 Minnesota Avenue, Kansas City, Kansas 66101, (913)236-2809, to make arrangements for payment, not later than fourteen (14) days after the receipt of this letter. Failure to satisfactorily respond to this demand will

result in the filing of a civil action against you in the United States District Court for a judgment against you on this obligation.

Sincerely,

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