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Re: Agreement between the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA)

Dear Mr. Pressnall:

On April 18, 2013, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's (IEPA) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) entered into a settlement agreement (Agreement)¹. A term of the Agreement required the IEPA to provide an interim status report regarding the IEPA's progress under the Agreement. On November 26, 2013, the EPA requested the IEPA provide additional information regarding the IEPA's September 3, 2013, interim status report (Report). By a letter dated December 20, 2013, the IEPA provided additional information to the EPA.

In reviewing the information that the IEPA submitted in its December 20, 2013, letter, the EPA is satisfied with the documentation that the IEPA provided with respect to the following specific commitments required by the Agreement: III.A.1.a), III.A.1.b), III.A.1.c) and III.A.1.e). The EPA reviewed the IEPA's revised *Environmental Justice Public Participation Policy* (EJ PPP) and requests the IEPA to implement the following recommendation:

- In the *Community Outreach Procedures* (See Section V of the EJ PPP) – Please change the word “translator” to “interpreter” when describing oral communication and provide acknowledgement of this change. (See paragraph III.A.1.g) of the Agreement)

With respect to commitment III.A.1.d) of the Agreement, which involves the redesign of the IEPA's online permit tracking system webpage by April 18, 2014, please contact EPA if IEPA does not believe it will meet this deadline.

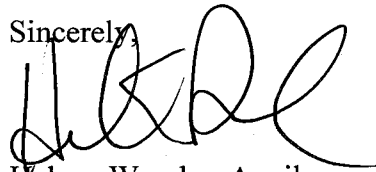
¹ Settlement Agreement for Administrative Complaint No. 13R-10-R5, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. (April 18, 2013).

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the IEPA's efforts to implement the terms of this Agreement. Please direct all information required by this letter and/or the Agreement to:

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If you have any questions about this letter, please contact Brittany Martinez, of my staff, at (202) 564-0727, or via email at Martinez.Brittany@epa.gov.

Sincerely,



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