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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

Mayor Robert M. Harbick  
City of Marinette  
1905 Hall Avenue  
Marinette, Wisconsin 54143-1716

Dear Mayor Harbick:

Thank you for your November 8, 2011 letter regarding public involvement in the process to reevaluate the cleanup plan for Menominee River sediment that has been contaminated with arsenic from the Ansul facility in Marinette, Wisconsin.

On December 1, 2011, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is planning to meet in Chicago with Ansul representatives to discuss the company's proposal to revise the cleanup plan. The company's proposal is available at [www.epa.gov/reg5rcra/wptdiv/sites/ansul/index.html](http://www.epa.gov/reg5rcra/wptdiv/sites/ansul/index.html). EPA would be happy to meet with you and the City of Marinette Common Council as well prior to completing our review of the company's proposal. Rafael Gonzalez of my staff will work with you to arrange the meeting.

As you may know, EPA held a formal public comment period before selecting the existing cleanup plan for contamination in soil, groundwater, and river sediment from Ansul operations. EPA carefully considered these public comments before selecting the existing cleanup plan – which is being implemented through a 2009 Administrative Order on Consent, entered pursuant to the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. If EPA were to move forward with any significant changes to the existing cleanup plan, there would be an opportunity for the public to comment.

Again, thank you for your letter. If you have further questions and to arrange a call, please contact me or Rafael Gonzalez at (312) 886-0269 or [Gonzalez.rafael@epa.gov](mailto:Gonzalez.rafael@epa.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Margaret M. Guerriero".

Margaret M. Guerriero  
Director  
Land and Chemicals Division