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**U.S. EPA Region 5
Success Story
Creative Approaches to Cleanup Activities at GM Facilities**

The General Motor Corporation (GM) and U.S. EPA Region 5 have used the concepts defined in the national RCRA Reforms to establish effective and creative approaches to cleanup activities at GM facilities. GM has initiated corrective action at all of its Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) facilities in Region 5. Eight of the facilities are performing corrective action under a Section 3008(h) order and two under a voluntary agreement with the Region. The GM Truck Group facility (MID 005 356 902) has been conducting a RCRA corrective action under a 3008(h) consent agreement since 1998.

On December 6, 2000, Timothy Fields, Jr., the Assistant Administrator for the Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response formally acknowledged the efforts of GM for their support of U.S. EPA's RCRA Reforms to streamline RCRA corrective action. Mr. Fields also noted GM's excellent achievements in the redevelopment of their idled industrial properties, in particular he recognized the redevelopment of the GM Truck Product Center in Pontiac, Michigan. The Truck Product Center in Pontiac houses all of GM's truck design and engineering staff and is also a 650 acre multiple use business park with a full service Marriott Hotel. The redevelopment brought nearly 4,000 jobs to the City of Pontiac. The approximately \$1 billion redevelopment turned an obsolete and out of service portion of this GM site into a world class business park. This facility also has an operating GM truck assembly plant on the site.

As part of this awards ceremony, which took place in Pontiac, Michigan, Robert Springer, Director of U.S. EPA Region 5's Division of Waste, Pesticides and Toxics confirmed that human health exposures and groundwater releases are under control at the facility. These positive Environmental Indicator determinations for the Truck Product Center were recognized by Mr. Fields with the presentation of an award to the GM Truck Product Center for their support of RCRA Reforms, Brownfields Redevelopment and as the 500th GPRA facility nationally to meet both Environmental Indicators. GM's Vice President for Environment and Energy and Chief Environmental Officer, Dennis Minano, indicated that GM was 'honored by the EPA recognition of our aggressive efforts to complete corrective action at our operating plants and brownfield redevelopments.'