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1650 Arch Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103-2029

September 28, 2011

Mr. Michael Lamarre
ExxonMobil Environmental Services
1001 Wampanoag Trail
Riverside, RI 02915

Re: Transition from Non-Time Critical Removal Action
to Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study
Sharon Steel/Fairmont Coke Works Superfund Site

Dear Mr. Lamarre:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency has reviewed the Closeout Report - Former Process Area dated July 2011, the Closeout Report - Waste Management Area dated August 2011, and the Closeout Report - Light Oil Storage Area dated August 2011, all prepared for the Fairmont Coke Works Site on behalf of ExxonMobil and collectively referred to as the Final Report per your certification letter dated September 20, 2011. Consistent with the intent of Section XXVII.B.1, the Final Report satisfactorily documents that the physical work described in the Response Action Plan (RAP) has been fully implemented in accordance with the Administrative Order by Consent for Removal Response Action (Removal AOC), EPA Docket # III-99-004-DC, as modified on May 21, 1999. Only Post-Removal Site Controls necessary to establish a final vegetative cover in areas vulnerable to erosion remain. EPA hereby approves the Final Report, as submitted.

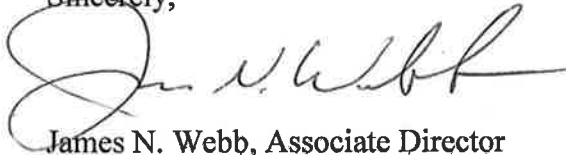
As an administrative matter, EPA's Cost Recovery Branch will tabulate the unbilled oversight costs related to the Removal AOC and submit an oversight bill in accordance with Section XXI (Reimbursement of Costs) to ExxonMobil in the coming months. Section XXVII (Notice of Completion) of the Removal AOC, as modified, calls on ExxonMobil to submit a "Respondent's Completion Petition" in writing after all requirements of the Removal AOC, including final reimbursement of government oversight costs have been completed. EPA considers the removal action physically complete but the Removal AOC will not be terminated until EPA responds to the "Respondent's Completion Petition" with a written "Notice of Completion."

Consistent with our Project XL Final Project Agreement, the next step in the process required to address the Site is to complete a Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (RI/FS) focusing on ground water and any other residual contamination which may remain now that the Non-Time Critical Removal work has been completed. Accordingly, EPA hereby lifts the temporary suspension and reactivates the Administrative Order on Consent for RI/FS (Docket No. III-97-

103-DC). Please work directly with Eric Newman, EPA RPM, to develop a mutually agreeable schedule for the submission of an RI/FS Work Plan.

Thank you for your continued cooperation in orchestrating a mammoth effort to restore the Fairmont Coke Works Site and make the property available for safe reuse.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James N. Webb".

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