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Dear Mr. Norton:

Thank you for completing the PPG Industries project under US EPA's Project eXcellence and Leadership (Project XL). The PPG Industries project has been a successful partnership between the US EPA and PPG Industries designed to achieve superior environmental performance. EPA would like to congratulate PPG Industries on your hard work in fulfilling commitments made in the Final Project Agreement signed on September 14, 2000. At this time would like to officially close out the record on the PPG Industries project.

Through Project XL, over 50 project sponsors, numerous states, and other project stakeholders have negotiated project agreements leading to significant environmental and public health gains across the nation. Broad accomplishments of Project XL include building partnerships to achieve positive environmental results and testing new incentives to produce these results. The PPG Industries project specifically has contributed to environmental gains by showing success in:

- 1) effectively evaluating the predictive capability of EPA's Ecological Structure Activity Relationships (ECOSAR), a computerized approach for the estimation of hazards of chemicals to the aquatic environment. ECOSAR is an important component of a set of chemical screening tools called the EPA Pollution (P2) Framework; and
- 2) reaching out to chemical companies and stakeholders to support the implementation of EPA's Pollution Prevention (P2) Framework, resulting in development of safer new chemicals.

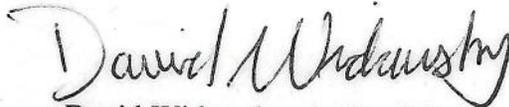
Although the Project XL initiative is coming to a close with the resolution of its original 52 projects, EPA's work on innovative approaches to environmental protection

continues. In June of 2003 EPA established the National Center for Environmental Innovation (NCEI). The work of NCEI builds on the foundation created by Project XL and maintains a focus on finding new ways to achieve superior environmental results and improve the efficiency of environmental protection. We are grateful for PPG's early leadership and we welcome your continued interest in EPA's work on innovative practices. You can find more information about NCEI and stay updated about EPA's latest innovation activities by going to <http://www.epa.gov/innovation/>.

EPA remains committed to learning from each partnership and individual investment in innovation. Results from completed pilot projects provide a valuable set of data for the Agency both in terms of potential program-wide changes and potential transferability of innovative approaches to other facilities. We thank you for the data and information supplied during the conduct of the PPG Industries project.

In closing, thank you again for your participation in Project XL and your successful demonstration of excellence and leadership in public health and environmental protection. We are enclosing a certificate in recognition of your achievements, which we hope you will display at your facility. If we can be of assistance to you in the future, please do not hesitate to contact Gerald Filbin (202.566.2182) at NCEI.

Sincerely,



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National Center for Environmental Innovation

cc: Jean Chun, PPG  
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Enclosure: Certificate of Completion of Innovation Project