



April 2, 2010

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Ms. Barbara Brown
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**Re: Consent Decree, Civil Action Nos. JFM-97-558, JFM-97-559
Work Plan to Assess Offsite Ecological Impacts from Current Releases from the Five
Special Study Areas**

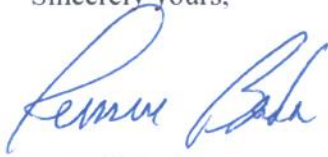
Dear Mr. Fan and Ms. Brown:

Severstal Sparrows Point, LLC (“Severstal Sparrows”) hereby responds in accordance with the specified 60 day response timeline to the February 3, 2010 letter received from the US EPA requesting the submittal of a Modified Work Plan. The modified *Work Plan to Assess Offsite Ecological Impacts from Current Releases from the Five Special Study Areas* (the “Work Plan”) is enclosed with this letter.

The nature and the scope of the Work Plan reflect Severstal Sparrows’s willingness to undertake the environmental obligations that it is legally responsible for as the current owner of the Sparrows Point facility. In this regard, Severstal Sparrows’s obligation with respect to offsite contamination is limited only to the investigation of current releases to offsite locations. This approach, and associated background has been more fully explained in the Notice of Dispute correspondence from Eckert Seamans that was sent to the agencies on March 4, 2010. The approach is also consistent with both U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s (“U.S. EPA”) and MDE’s prior approval of the risk-based strategy for facility corrective action.

We look forward to further discussing this Work Plan and related matters with you at our meeting that has been scheduled for April 26, 2010 in Philadelphia.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Russell Becker". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "R" and "B".

Russell Becker
Division Manager
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Enclosure