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MEMORANDUM

TO: Colorado Bumper Exchange Site File, SSID# 08-JG

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SUBJECT: All Costs Recovered/Closeout of Colorado Bumper Exchange, Pueblo, Pueblo County, Colorado

SITE DESCRIPTION

Site ID: 08-JG
CERCLIS ID: CO000802405
Site Location: 4804 Dillon Drive
City: Pueblo
State: Colorado

Site Background and History:

Colorado Bumper Exchange, Inc., was an electroplating business which specialized in the nickel and chrome plating of automobile bumpers and plastic automobile bumper repair. In 2004, the facility was investigated by the Colorado Attorney General's Office, who had reason to believe the facility was a generator of hazardous wastes and that the wastes were dumped directly to the Site's outside grounds via an underground effluent pipe and to the POTW via the same pipe. After investigating and sampling, the Colorado AG's office requested EPA's assistance.

On May 15, 2004, EPA began to conduct response and geoprobe sampling activities at the Site. After sampling revealed possible RCRA violations, EPA referred the Site to the State of Colorado. The State issued a Compliance Order on Consent against Colorado Bumper Exchange, Inc.

EPA determined that Colorado Bumper Exchange, Inc., was responsible under CERCLA for costs EPA incurred in investigating the Site and sent a demand letter on March 20, 2008. Negotiations ensued. EPA followed up with an ability-to-pay analysis. The result was another

demand letter on August 27, 2009, followed by more negotiations. A settlement was reached whereby Colorado Bumper Exchange, Inc., would pay \$18,000.00 pursuant to the executed 122(h)(1) Settlement Agreement dated February 12, 2010.

RESPONSE COSTS

EPA incurred \$38,529.45 in response costs. On April 15, 2010, the PRP, Colorado Bumper Exchange, Inc., paid \$18,000 to settle its liability, per the Ability to Pay Analysis and Settlement Agreement. The remaining \$20,529.45 was closed out (CRDD dated March 31, 2010.)

Colorado Bumper Exchange, Inc., fully complied with the Settlement Agreement. All work on the Site has been completed.

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