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Kathy Robinson  
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U.S. EPA Region 7  
901 N. 5th Street  
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**VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS**

Re: In the matter of National Animal Disease Center, Ames, Iowa  
(Docket No. RCRA-07-2006-0153)

Dear Ms. Robinson:

Please find enclosed the original and one copy of Respondent's Answer and Request for Hearing.

I recently contacted EPA Senior Assistant Regional Counsel Belinda Holmes to request an informal settlement conference. At that time, she indicated that the parties would have the opportunity to seek to resolve this matter through Alternative Dispute Resolution.

Please direct any further communications regarding this matter to the undersigned.

Sincerely,

Gary M. Fremerman  
Encls.

cc: Belinda L. Holmes  
Kevin Snowden