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Wanda I. Santiago, Regional Hearing Clerk
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region I
5 Post Office Square, Suite 100 (Mailcode: ORC04-6)
Boston, MA 02109-3912

Re: In the Matter of Tasman Leather Group, LLC, Docket No. RCRA-01-2017-0054

Dear Ms. Santiago:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced matter are two (2) copies of a communication from the EPA Administrator related to this matter, along with a certificate of service.

The undersigned has communicated with Kevin Pechulis, counsel for complainant, and he concurs that this filing in the record is appropriate.

Thank you, and please call with any questions.

Very truly yours,



Kenneth F. Gray
Attorney for Tasman Leather Group, LLC

Enclosures

cc: Norman Tasman, President, Tasman Leather Group, LLC
Joanna Jerison, Esq., Manager, Legal Enforcement Office, EPA Region I
Sheldon Yoffe, Esq., Tasman Industries
Kevin P. Pechulis, Esq., Enforcement Counsel, EPA Region I

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the foregoing communication from the EPA Administrator relating to this matter was delivered in the following manner to the addresses listed below:

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First Class Mail, and
electronic transmission, to:

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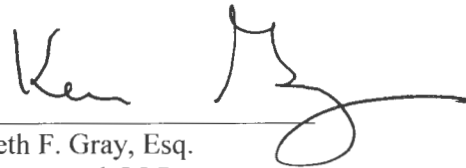
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May 1, 2018

Via Overnight and Electronic Mail

The Honorable Paul R. LePage
Office of the Governor
1 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333-0001

Subject: Tasman Leather Group, LLC

Dear Governor LePage:

Thank you for your letter dated April 6, 2018 to Administrator Pruitt regarding the Agency's administrative enforcement action involving Tasman Leather Group, LLC. The Administrator asked me to respond on his behalf.

States are critical partners in the protection of public health and the environment. EPA very much appreciates your bringing to our attention the views of the State of Maine regarding the enforcement action and the company's importance to the community and as a supplier to the U.S. military. I am limited in my reply to your letter because Agency regulations and policy restrict communications outside the Agency regarding the merits of enforcement matters. I can share that your letter has been transmitted to EPA staff and management involved in this matter which will ensure that EPA gives full consideration to the issues that you and Tasman Leather Group have brought to the Agency's attention.

Thank you again for sharing your views with us. If you or your staff have further questions, please contact Troy Lyons, Associate Administrator for Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations, at lyons.troy@epa.gov or at 202-564-5200.

Sincerely,

Alexandra Dapolito Dunn
Regional Administrator

cc: Paul Mercer, Commissioner, Maine Department of Environmental Protection

