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The Honorable Susan L. Biro Chief Administrative Law Judge Office of Administrative Law Judges United States Environmental Protection Agency 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW/Mail Code 1900L Washington, DC 20460

Re:

Chemcentral Midwest Corporation

Docket Nos. CAA-07-2007-0045 and EPCRA-07-2007-0045

Dear Judge Biro:

This will report on the status of the above matter.

The parties met via telephone conference on January 25, 2008. Complainant, the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region VII made a settlement offer to the Respondent, Chemcentral Midwest Corporation. Counsel for Respondent has contacted EPA, but does not yet have a response to EPA's settlement offer. Settlement negotiations are ongoing.

Counsel for Complainant will be out of the country from February 15, 2008, until March 5, 2008.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (913) 551-7889, or by email: <u>vanhorn.julie@epa.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

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