

# **ATTACHMENT #10**



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION VII  
726 MINNESOTA AVENUE  
KANSAS CITY, KANSAS 66101

February 5, 1997

Mr. Jim Fechter  
Titan Wheel International Inc.  
2701 Spruce Street  
Quincy, Illinois 62301

Dear Mr. Fechter:

RE: Dico Building Removal Action  
EPA Docket No. VII-94-F-0017  
Des Moines TCE Site

This letter is in regards to remaining activities necessary to bring the subject removal action to conclusion. By letter dated February 8, 1995, addressed to you, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approved reoccupation of Buildings 1-4 and the Maintenance Building if Titan Wheel International, Inc. ("Titan Wheel") provided for routine house cleaning measures and building ventilation and conducted additional air monitoring. The EPA reaffirmed this position in a letter dated July 13, 1995, to Cheri Holley. However, Dico never incorporated the recommended changes to the O&M Plan for this removal action.

On December 12, 1996, EPA signed a Record of Decision (ROD) for OU2 and OU4. In the ROD EPA addressed appropriate cleanup levels for the buildings. The EPA concluded in the ROD that the levels found in monitoring conducted on December 4, 1994, are within the acceptable carcinogenic risk range for occupational exposures. The EPA hereby approves Titan Wheel's O&M Plan dated June 10, 1994, without further modification. However, EPA recommends that Titan Wheel adopt EPA's previous recommendations, which would provide further protection of on-site workers.

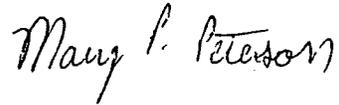
The final activity necessary for EPA to conclude that the required removal action has been completed is for Titan Wheel to submit a "Removal Action Final Report" in accordance with paragraph 50 of the Order. Upon receipt of a "Removal Action Final Report" meeting the requirements of the Order, EPA would anticipate notifying Titan Wheel that EPA agrees the removal action has been completed. This notice would not alter Titan Wheel's obligation to comply with the continuing obligations under the Order, such as Section XII Record Retention and post-removal site control activities under paragraph 31.

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I hope this letter clarifies EPA's position with regard to reoccupation of the buildings, and I look forward to receiving the Removal Action Final Report. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please call me at (913) 551-7882.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary P. Peterson".

Mary P. Peterson  
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Dear Mr. Fechter:

RE: Surface Cap Removal Action  
EPA Docket No. VII-94-F-0009  
Des Moines TCE Site

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has received the twenty-ninth monthly progress report for the subject removal action. The report documents the completion of the activities necessary to bring this removal action to conclusion, with the exception of ongoing maintenance activities.

This letter serves as EPA's notice of completion in accordance with paragraph 22.1 of the Order. This notice does not alter Titan Wheel's obligation to comply with the continuing obligations under the Order, including Section 11 Record Retention and post-removal site control activities under paragraph 5.3.1. The EPA considers Titan Wheel's obligation to submit monthly progress reports is complete. Continuing reporting obligations consist of, at a minimum, an annual inspection report consistent with the Asphalt Cap Operations and Maintenance Plan submitted as Appendix C to the Surface Remediation Work Plan.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please call me at (913) 551-7882.

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