



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
REGION 4  
ATLANTA FEDERAL CENTER  
61 FORSYTH STREET  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30303-8960

AUG 20 2013

CERTIFIED MAIL  
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Ms. Kara Long  
Ashland, Inc.  
5200 Blazer Parkway  
Dublin, Ohio 43017

Re: Hercules Incorporated  
Consent Agreement and Final Order  
Docket Number EPCRA-04-2013-2047(b)

Dear Ms. Long:

Enclosed please find an executed copy of the Consent Agreement and Final Order (CAFO) that resolves the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986 matter (Docket No. EPCRA-04-2013-2047(b)) involving Hercules Incorporated. The CAFO was filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk, as required by 40 C.F.R. Part 22 and became effective on the date of the filing.

Also enclosed, please find a copy of the "Notice of Securities and Exchange Commission Registrants' Duty to Disclose Environmental Legal Proceedings." This document puts you on notice of your potential duty to disclose to the Security and Exchange Commission (SEC) any environmental enforcement actions taken by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. If you have any questions with regards to the SEC's environmental disclosure requirements, you may refer to the contact phone number at the bottom of the SEC Notice.

If you have any questions, please call Ms. Erika White at (404) 562-9195.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Caron B. Falchner".

Caron B. Falchner  
Chief  
EPCRA Enforcement Section

Enclosures

