# Appendix A –

## **Correspondence from EPA to PRP**



From:	Rae, Sarah (she/her/hers)
To:	Anthony Serio
Bcc:	Edmunds, Crystal
Subject:	RE: Valley Drive Kalispell, Flathead County, Montana Ref: 80RC-LE-C
Date:	Wednesday, March 13, 2024 10:32:00 AM
Attachments:	Kalispell - Letter from Irene Serio dated 02 07 2024.pdf
	ATP indipay form.pdf
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	Tax Form 4506t.pdf
	image001.png

Good morning Ms. Serio,

I have reviewed the letter and documents you mailed to me on 2/7/2024. I have attached a copy of your signed letter for reference.

<u>Ability to Pay Settlement:</u> In your email dated 1/18/2024 you requested information about EPA's Ability to Pay Settlements. I provided the ATP documents via email on 1/19/2024. For your convenience, I have also attached the documents to this email. In your letter dated 2/7/2024, you stated:

"I also would like to address the financial situation that is on the land. We took a loan on the land to buy a business that would allow somewhat of a retirement plan. We did this in 2023. The business that we bought is renting space to vendors for antiques sales records comics, etc. The couple we bought it from made small areas with walls and rented them out to collectors and antique dealers. Of course, this business does not own the building so we rent the space from the owner of the building, and then the collectors of antiques, etc., pay us rent. We receive a percentage of the sales and work the desk to collect the sales. The business name is Swappers. There was a loan that was taken out on the land around 2006 from Glacier Bank. When we bought this business for \$25,000 the bank paid off the old loan and borrowed the \$25,000 to buy the business. If a lien from the EPA goes on the land it will financially ruin us. We do plead with the EPA to consider all the facts as to why the property was in the condition it was for reasons beyond our control and ask them not to put a Lien on the property."

However, when reviewing your 2/7/2024 letter and documents, I did not see any of the requested Ability to Pay documents to support your statements regarding your current financial situation. If you believe, and can document, that you fall within the Ability to Pay category, please submit the requested financial information and records including personal federal tax returns no later than **April 1, 2024.** 

<u>Superfund Lien Hearing</u>: If I do not hear from you by <u>April 1, 2024</u>, I will move forward with submitting your written objection, EPA's response, and the Lien Filing Record to the neutral EPA official for review. After reviewing the written submissions and after conducting a conference (if one is requested), the neutral EPA official will issue a recommended decision based upon the Lien Filing Record and the other information received. The recommended decision will state whether the EPA has a reasonable basis to perfect the lien and the decision will be forwarded for action to the EPA official delegated to execute liens. You will be provided with a copy of the recommended decision and will be notified of EPA's action.

Respectfully,

Sarah Rae Senior Assistant Regional Counsel US EPA – Region 8 1595 Wynkoop Street Denver, CO 80202 (303) 312-6839 Rae.Sarah@epa.gov Pronouns: she/her/hers

From: Rae, Sarah (she/her/hers)
Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2024 12:13 PM
To: Anthony Serio <tonyserio2017@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Valley Drive Kalispell, Flathead County, Montana Ref: 80RC-LE-C

Good afternoon Ms. Serio,

I was notified yesterday from our mail room that I received a package from you. I will review the documents that you provided and get them over to our financial folks for processing. I will let you know if we need any additional information.

Respectfully,

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Sent: Monday, February 5, 2024 8:01 AM
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Please also include my mail code:

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From: Anthony Serio <<u>tonyserio2017@gmail.com</u>> Sent: Sunday, February 4, 2024 4:05 PM To: Rae, Sarah (she/her/hers) <<u>Rae.Sarah@epa.gov</u>> Subject: Re: Valley Drive Kalispell, Flathead County, Montana Ref: 80RC-LE-C

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Dear Sarah,

I just want to confirm the address to where the papers I need to send be mailed to. Is as follows:

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On Jan 17, 2024, at 10:58 PM, Anthony Serio <<u>tonyserio2017@gmail.com</u>> wrote:

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- 3. Our permit was revoked without any notification. Flathead County Justice court said we were operating without a permit yet the Road Department never informed us nor did the Justice Department. This is how the fines derived. Because now we unknowingly did not have a permit and as we continued to conducted business they fined us under a dumping law. Same law as if you threw your dead animal along side the road. This is how the law read that they presented in order to fine us in 5 locations. We were fined under dumping laws. Never any papers served. Secretly shut down. When I went to talk to the road supervisor about what was in the newspaper he said your permit is revoked. This stopped the recycling process.
- 4. They shut us down causing us such grief and despair. Not only a problem for us but a problem for the Lumber Mills. We acted responsibly by going to them and telling them we are having a problem with the county. It was us as a responsible company that helped the lumber mills find a new way to handle their veneer Pitch. We had heard of a Plywood plant in Wyoming that was burning veneer residue. We personally drove to Wyoming to see what the process was. They were taking the pitch and injecting it into their boiler using it to fuel their boiler. We went back to Stimson and Plum Creek gave them contact names of how they can do the same thing. And they did.
- 5. The Local County Road Supervisor knew about our environmental safe dust control that we had developed as we saw them for many years at Road Supervisors Conventions held each year in different Cities in Montana. We always attended and set up booths to educate and solicit new road materials. Also Tony Serio had contacted Joe Russell head of Flathead County Health Department about environmentally safe Dust Controls including Magnesium Chloride in which we were an independent Distributor for Riley Windover from Salt Lake City. Our job for this large company was to educate

Mines Cities and County's about Magnesium Cloride as a Dust Control. Later we demonstrated how this product mixed with Gravel made a safe ice melt. I will send you pictures of some of the beginning stages of where we demonstrate this procedure. Why does Mag Cloride pertain to this case? My point is that we were actively in the business of providing a safe Dust Control for roads - which included recycling Pine Tar Pitch into a safe Dust control for roads.

- 6. The Developing of Pine Tar Pitch was also a great alternative to oil along with Mag Cloride but it was more user friendly - Mag Cloride could not stick to roads that had oil on them. Pine Tar Pitch could. It also created a hard surface on the road.
- 7. For now I will conclude to you that because of the action of the Flathead County we were prevented from recycling any more because we were no longer in that business. Later I would like to show you some correspondence we had with Plum Creek and Stimson about them helping us to get rid of the pitch in tanks as this pertains to the cradle to grave law.
- 8. Also I would like to express to you how grateful we are that you did step in and clean up the land because at our age now we would find it a hardship to clean it as well as you did. Our hope was to use the crude oil for a job we had and put that money into cleaning it up. Our son Jesse owns 5 dump trucks and we had another friend with an excavator. We have a distributor truck that we now have for sale because we don't need it now. But now we don't have to go through all that. My husband is 71 and I am getting there. So Thank You. I will get you more as soon as I can . Thank you very much' Irene Serio and Tony Serio
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On Jan 16, 2024, at 3:36 PM, Rae, Sarah (she/her/hers) <<u>Rae.Sarah@epa.gov</u>> wrote:

#### Ms. Serio,

In your email dated January 10, 2024, you stated that you intend to send me exhibits to support your written objection to EPA's Intent to Perfect a Superfund Lien. To date, I have not received any additional documents from you. Please send any supporting documentation to me by Friday, January 26, 2024. If I do not hear from you by the deadline, I will move forward with submitting your written objection, EPA's response, and the Lien Filing Record to the neutral EPA official for review.

After reviewing the written submissions and after conducting a conference (if one is requested), the neutral EPA official will issue a recommended decision based upon the Lien Filing Record and the other information received. The recommended decision will state whether the EPA has a reasonable basis to perfect the lien and the decision will be forwarded for action to the EPA official delegated to execute liens. You will be provided with a copy of the recommended decision and will be notified of EPA's action.

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-----Original Message-----From: Rae, Sarah (she/her/hers) Sent: Wednesday, January 10, 2024 3:10 PM To: Anthony Serio <<u>tonyserio2017@gmail.com</u>> Subject: RE: Valley Drive Kalispell, Flathead County, Montana Ref: 80RC-LE-C

Ms. Serio,

Thank you for confirming that you received the letter that was mailed via Certified Mail on December 14th, 2023. I am confirming receipt of your written objection.

EPA staff will review any written submission by or on behalf of you. If, after the review, EPA staff agrees that the Agency does not have a reasonable basis to perfect the lien, the EPA will forbear from perfecting the lien and will notify you of this determination. However, if after this review, EPA staff still believes that the EPA has a lien pursuant to CERCLA Section 107(1), then EPA staff will refer the written submission to a neutral EPA official selected for the purpose of reviewing both i) the written submission and ii) the EPA's Lien Filing Record. After reviewing the written submissions and after conducting a conference (if one is requested), the neutral EPA official will issue a recommended decision based upon the Lien Filing Record and the other information received. The recommended decision will state whether the EPA has a reasonable basis to perfect the lien and the decision will be forwarded for action to the EPA official delegated to execute liens. You will be provided with a copy of the recommended decision and will be notified of EPA's action.

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Ref: 80RC-LE-C Dear Sara: I recieved a certified letter yesterday from Region 8.

The Letter Pertains to Perfecting a lien on my property. For several reasons we would like to appeal to you why we feel this would be an error and unfair because of circumstances that I think need to be addressed

Today I would like to address why the clean up would be considered under The Superfund Recycling Equity Act. Tomorrow and next few days I will send Exhibits.

The product was collected with the intentions of Recycling it. We are talking here early 90's. Not only was recycling the intention but it was accomplished and doing well back then. Doing very well until Flathead County revoked our permit. This was after the recycled product was used on City Streets and allays In Kalispell. This was after this product was used at Big Mountain Ski Resort. This was after the recycled product was used on many county roads cutting the cost of Dust Control in half. The recycled safe product was a huge benefit for the people in Flathead County as they could afford to abate the dust in front of their houses at a reasonable affordable price at the time.

We had obtained a Material Safety Data Sheet for it from the generators. We had also invested in research and development to find safe additives to use for the emulsification Process. Collied Lab gave a report on this in which I will forward to you.

Why would Flathead County shut us down without even taking a sample of our environmental Safe Dust Control? They never even asked us or talked to us or warned us - Just one day shut us down.

At the time there were Two Dust Control Companies. Lyman Dust Control and us Sure Seal. Flathead County at that time would allow only Lyman to bid on projects. After we were pushed out of business Lyman Dust Control remained for the next 30 years as the only major dust control business in the Flathead Valley. Back then Flathead County put an injection on our business and would not allow us to work shutting down the recycling project. With that being said I will send you paper work that show proof of these facts. I did send some at the time of the clean up. But I will send again. I also would like to address the Cradle To Grave Law. Stimpson Lumber and Plum Creek - their material was in the tanks. I appreciate your understanding in this matter and will be sending exhibits. Thank You Irene Serio

From:	Rae, Sarah (she/her/hers)
To:	Anthony Serio
Bcc:	Edmunds, Crystal
Subject:	RE: Valley Drive Kalispell, Flathead County, Montana Ref: 80RC-LE-C
Date:	Friday, January 19, 2024 8:59:00 AM
Attachments:	ATP indipay form.pdf
	Reg Ind.docx
	Tax Form 4506t.pdf
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Ms. Serio,

I have attached the Ability to Pay Information that you requested. While EPA's Demand Letter demands that you reimburse the EPA for all funds spent at the Site, the EPA is aware that the financial ability of some PRPs to contribute toward the payment of response costs at a site may be substantially limited. If you believe, and can document, that you fall within this category, please submit the requested financial information and records including personal federal tax returns. If the EPA concludes that you have a legitimate inability to pay the full amount, the EPA may offer a schedule for payment over time or a reduction in the total amount demanded from you.

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From: Rae, Sarah (she/her/hers)
Sent: Friday, January 19, 2024 8:51 AM
To: 'Anthony Serio' <tonyserio2017@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Valley Drive Kalispell, Flathead County, Montana Ref: 80RC-LE-C

Good morning Ms. Serio,

The options I described in my previous correspondence are:

- 1. **Ability to Pay Settlement:** In response to EPA's demand letter, you can request information on an Ability to Pay Settlement. You will be required to submit financial information and supporting documentation so our financial analyst can determine if you have any ability to pay the amount included in EPA's demand letter.
  - a. An Ability to Pay Settlement could resolve your Superfund (CERCLA) liability at the Site – if we are able to reach a settlement agreement then perfecting a Superfund Lien on the property would not be necessary.
- 2. **Superfund (CERCLA Section 107(l)) Lien:** In response to EPA's Notice of Intent to Perfect Superfund Lien, you can submit additional documentation to support your written objection. A neutral EPA official will issue a recommended decision based upon the Lien Filing Record and the other information received. The recommended decision will state

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a. EPA typically resolves Superfund Liens via a settlement agreement.

I am confirming your request for the Ability to Pay information and I will send you the documents via email later today.

Respectfully,

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From: Anthony Serio < tonyserio2017@gmail.com> Sent: Thursday, January 18, 2024 10:56 PM To: Rae, Sarah (she/her/hers) <<u>Rae.Sarah@epa.gov</u>> Subject: Re: Valley Drive Kalispell, Flathead County, Montana Ref: 80RC-LE-C

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Dear Sara, Thank You for this extension. I am understanding that I have two choices.

1. One is pleading with the EPA to apply the cradle to grave law to the generators of the material.

2. The other is to except all responsibility for the clean up and plead with the EPA that we were recycling the material received and had circumstances that were presented to us by abuse of powers that stopped the recycling process and completely derailed us, causing us to move.

INTENT-We came back to Montana during Covid and was planning to try to clean up the land when EPA did it for us. And now we cannot afford to pay the clean up fees. This would be easy to show. We have never recovered from what happened to us in Montana as we lost important years that we had used to establish our Lives. We had to completely start over.

While we were in Florida people put garbage on our land. Flathead County had shut down the Green boxes for dumping located up the Higway from the land. People started throwing all kinds of garbage on the land. Unauthorized dumping while we were away.

Hazard Material —If there were contaminates on the land it was not from the pine tar pitch. Pine tar pitch is an organic material, so it probably fermented over years and I am not sure what it looked like after years but I knew it did not leak because it was too thick. The oil in the tank was Crude oil meaning Road oil that comes out of the well head from Cutbank Montana. They are still in business as Plains Pipeline. They were called Scurlock Permian Corporation then. They hauled the oil over

to us from Cutbank. We have a MSD from Shurlock Primimum. That Product was very thick also. When told it was leaking into Ashley Creek I was on the defensive and felt that was impossible. - I would like to apologize as my response to the EPA that was emailed to them. Tony told me not to do it. But I did and am sorry for my language. We were literally homeless at the time EPA contacted us on the phone. We were staying in our shop that we rent. As my aunt had died and her son sold the house we were renting. Our only hope was cleaning the land and I thought if they cleaned it we would lose it. I became defensive. Very Sorry.

FINANCES — The Move to Florida was difficult. My husband was in a bad car accident on the free way as he was picked up by a Helicopter and taken to a Miami Hospital Trama center. He totaled out a Company Ford Explorer, rolled it 3 times, He was a salesman for an Asphalt Company there. In 1999 we did what good poor people do — we had a baby. I was 42 and Tony was almost 50. Life was not easy there. We were able to Financial afford to come back to Montana when my aunt had a stroke and we took care of her for awhile and then rented her house.

I think the easiest is to plead with the EPA about our financial situations. But do you think The EPA would apply the Cradle to Grave Law which I will send you this that I found.

"Cradle to Grave" states that a hazardous waste generator is responsible for its waste from initial generation through its ultimate disposal and beyond. Nothing will relinquish a generator of this responsibility. There's no expiration date or time limit, and hiring someone else to transport and dispose of your waste does not transfer responsibility

That's why it is vitally important to maintain compliance and ensure you are operating by the book. If an incident happens occurs at any point during your waste's lifecycle, you can and will be held liable. It's possible you may also be obligated to pay some, or all, costs associated with a response or a cleanup The Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) gives EPA the authority to control hazardous waste from cradle to grave.

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Is it possible to do both? About the packet can you mail to

P.O. Box 521 Kalispell, Montana 59903 . The Packet I need to fill out for the Finances.

Thank You Irene Serio

On Jan 18, 2024, at 10:00 AM, Rae, Sarah (she/her/hers) <<u>Rae.Sarah@epa.gov</u>> wrote:

Ms. Serio,

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I can grant a two week extension for submitting the documents. Please send any supporting documentation to me by **Friday, February 9, 2024.** If I do not hear from you by the deadline, I will move forward with submitting your written objection, EPA's response, and the Lien Filing Record to the neutral EPA official for review. After reviewing the written submissions and after conducting a conference (if one is requested), the neutral EPA official will issue a recommended decision based upon the Lien Filing Record and the other information received. The recommended decision will state whether the EPA has a reasonable basis to perfect the lien and the decision will be forwarded for action to the EPA official delegated to execute liens. You will be provided with a copy of the recommended decision and will be notified of EPA's action.

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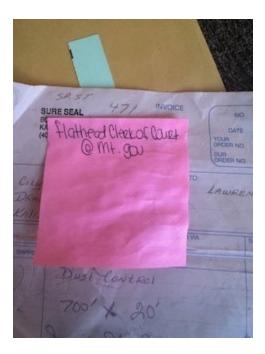
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This was came back to me when I sent it - Your message wasn't delivered to **flatheadclerkofcourt@mt.gov** because the address couldn't be found, or is unable to receive mail.— What I tried to send was this. To the Courts,

Please let me know when I can pick up all copies and attachments and Exhibits concerning the case DV-95-538B. Flathead County vs. Sure Seal Dust Control.

I am inclosing a statement I have concerning the case with dates ect that you may need. My phone number is 561-502-7609 if you have any questions.

I do need as quickly as possible. Thank You Irene Serio

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	CHARGES AND CREDITS BALANCE
DATE 3-11-98	54.00

So I will go there again today. The lady at the court house yesterday gave me an email that does not exist when I asked to get copies of case.

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Date:	Thursday, January 18, 2024 10:00:00 AM
Attachments:	image004.png
	Kalispell Valley Drive Tanks - Demand Letter 05 19 2023 signed.pdf

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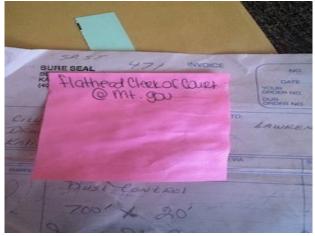
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This was came back to me when I sent it - Your message wasn't delivered to **flatheadclerkofcourt@mt.gov** because the address couldn't be found, or is unable to receive mail.— What I tried to send was this. To the Courts,

Please let me know when I can pick up all copies and attachments and Exhibits concerning the case DV-95-538B. Flathead County vs. Sure Seal Dust Control.

I am inclosing a statement I have concerning the case with dates ect that you may need. My phone number is 561-502-7609 if you have any questions.

I do need as quickly as possible. Thank You Irene Serio

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Date:	Tuesday, August 15, 2023 9:07:00 AM
Attachments:	Kalispell Valley Drive Tanks - Demand Letter 05 19 2023 signed.pdf
	Kalispell Valley Drive Tanks - Certified Cost Package THRU 12-31-22.pdf
	smallbusinessinfo.pdf

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Cc:	Peronard, Paul; Edmunds, Crystal
Subject:	Kalispell Valley Drive Tanks - EPA Demand Letter
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### Who do I call to report an oil or chemical spill or other environmental emergency that poses a sudden threat to public health?

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https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-incidents/how-report-spills-and-environmental-violations#who

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From: Tony Serio <sseriotony@aol.com> Sent: Wednesday, June 14, 2023 3:54 PM To: Rae, Sarah (she/her/hers) <Rae.Sarah@epa.gov> Subject: 450 gal oil spill

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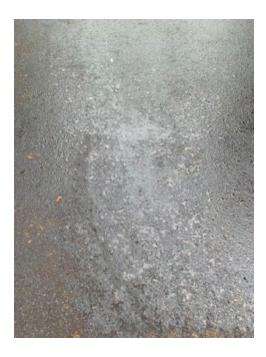












































Sent from my iPhone

From:	Rae, Sarah
To:	Irene Serio
Cc:	Peronard, Paul
Bcc:	Morales, Nicholas (ENRD)
Subject:	RE: Leaking Tanks at 185 West Valley Drive, Kalispell, Montana - Notice of Ex Parte Warrant and Opportunity for
	Split Samples
Date:	Thursday, September 29, 2022 2:28:00 PM

Good afternoon Ms. Serio,

As requested, EPA has sent the split samples to you at 209 Lake Hills Court Bigfork Montana 59911. The FedEx tracking number for the package is: 278466027243.

Respectfully,

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From: Rae, Sarah

Sent: Monday, September 26, 2022 7:03 AM

To: Irene Serio <reneserio1956@icloud.com>

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To:	sseriotony@aol.com; SERIOIRENE@AOL.COM
Subject:	Leaking Tanks at 185 West Valley Drive, Kalispell, Montana - Request for Access to Property
Date:	Wednesday, July 27, 2022 2:32:00 PM
Attachments:	Kalispell Valley Drive Tanks -Request for Access Cover Letter 07 27 2022 FINAL.pdf

Ms. Irene Serio,

Please read the attached letter regarding the leaking tanks of "Tac Oil" at 185 West Valley Drive. I have also mailed this letter to you at the addresses listed in the letter. EPA is planning to deploy a response team to investigate and address the tanks pursuant to its authority provided under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. §§ 9601, the Clean Water Act ("CWA"), 33 U.S.C. §1251 et seq. (1972), and the Oil Pollution Act ("OPA"), 33 U.S.C. §2701 et seq. (1990).

Please sign and return the Consent for Access to Property form, which will allow EPA and its contractors to investigate and address the tanks on your Property. You can email to me a scanned copy or a photo image of the signed form and, thereafter, send the original to me at:

Sarah Rae (Mail Code ORC-C) US EPA – Region 8 1595 Wynkoop Street Denver, CO 80202

We need to act quickly. If we do not hear back from you within the next seven days, we will assume that you are denying access and will consider requesting access from the federal district court in Montana. If you have any questions, please contact me at (303) 312-6839 or <u>Rae.Sarah@epa.gov</u>. If you are represented by legal counsel, please provide me with the name of your attorney and contact information. Please give this matter your immediate attention. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Respectfully,

# Sarah Rae

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