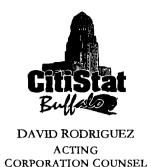


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RE: In the Matter of the CITY OF BUFFALO Proceeding under Section 3008 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended

Docket No. RCRA-02-2010-7107

Dear Sirs:

Please find enclosed and herby served upon you, the Answer of the City of Buffalo in the above captioned proceeding.

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Very truly yours,

David Rodriguez Corporation Counsel

BY: ALAN P. GERSTMAN Assistant Corporation Counsel

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 2

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ANSWER

City of Buffalo, Respondent

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Proceeding Under Section 3008 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended.

The CITY OF BUFFALO, by its attorney, David Rodriguez, Corporation Counsel of the City of Buffalo, Alan P. Gerstman, Assistant Corporation Counsel, of counsel, as its ANSWER to the COMPLAINT of the UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, dated June 30, 2010, does hereby states as follows:

- 1. Admits the allegations numbered: 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8. 9. 10, 12, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 30, 31, 32, 33, 35, 36, 38, 39, 42, 44, 45, 49, 51, and 52 therein.
- 2. Denies information or knowledge sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of paragraphs numbers 11, 13, 40, 46, 47, 53, and 54.
- 3. Denies the allegations in paragraphs numbered 41, 48, 50, 55, 56, and 57.
- 4. Denies the truth of the statement alleged to have been made by one Dan Connors in paragraph 16 and admits the remainder.
- Denies the truth of the statement alleged to have been made by one David A.
 Hornung in paragraph 20 and admits the remainder.

6. Denies so much of paragraph 3 that alleges that the CITY owns or operates approximately 200 buildings, and further denies that it maintains any responsibility for any part of operation of libraries, museums, theaters or a zoo; the CITY affirmatively states that with respect to such facilities the CITY has interests in real property upon which several such private not-for-profit enterprises operate; further alleges that it has no responsibility for operation of public libraries within the City pursuant to the New York State Cities and Counties Library Act of 1953: further alleges that it is unaware of a facility identified as a "hockey area", but does admit that a building formerly known as the War Memorial Auditorium was used in part for hockey until it was demolished prior to the periods alleged in this Complaint.

Respondent

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Dated the 18th day of September 2010 Buffalo, New York

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