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June 3, 1983

Allan Tomlinson, President
Diamond Shamrock
717 North Harwood
Dallas, Texas 75201

Re: Former Diamond Shamrock Premises,
80 Lister Avenue, Newark, N.J.

Dear Mr. Tomlinson:

My staff has briefed me on their discussion held with your environmental/regulatory affairs directors, Messrs. Licata and Worthington today. I wanted to personally thank you for Diamond Shamrock's forthright commitment to cooperate fully with the State and federal governments in expediting the resolution of the environmental hazard posed by the Lister Avenue, Newark, New Jersey dioxin contamination site.

We explained that our first priority needs include a comprehensive site history which describes all manufacturing activities by building location with a particular emphasis on processing equipment maintenance, intermediate and residuals handling and disposal practices. All available site plans, building layouts and other similar site descriptions will significantly enhance our efforts to reconstruct the past chronology of events and the high priority tasks for present site stabilization and remediation.

Next, we have requested that you provide us with a complete as possible employee list for Diamond Alkali/Diamond Shamrock personnel who worked at the Lister Avenue plant.

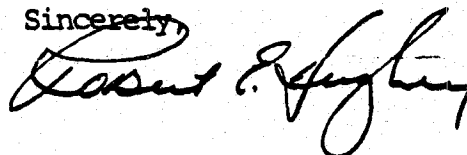
Finally, we requested that individuals within the technical services component of your firm as well as legal counsel be immediately designated to assist us in the preparation of the necessary site stabilization and remediation plans for the Lister Avenue premises. Mr. Worthington candidly acknowledged Diamond Shamrock's obligation to undertake these tasks and expressed optimism that the first two could be completed by

Friday of next week and at least the team members designated for undertaking the third by the middle of next week.

Your cooperation in this endeavor of utmost mutual concern is appreciated. We believe that the establishment of this close working relationship again exemplifies New Jersey's national leadership in forging a constructive partnership between the public and private sectors for the enhancement of the public welfare and environmental protection.

If you wish to discuss this matter in greater detail, please contact Michael Catania, Director, Office of Regulatory Services, directly at (609) 292-9003.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert P. Hughes", written over a horizontal line.

cc: James B. Worthington ✓
Michael Catania