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Hand Delivery

Indiana State Historical Preservation Officer
Department of Natural Resources
Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology
402 West Washington Street, Room W 274
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Re: Muncie Paper Processing
701 West 23rd Street
Muncie, Delaware County
Indiana Brownfields Project (Site# 4010016)
(Remediation Project: US EPA 128(a) grant)

Dear Indiana State Historical Preservation Officer:

This letter is to serve as the Indiana Brownfields Program's ("Program") formal request for a Section 106 National Historic Preservation Act review by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources' Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology for the property at 701 West 23rd Street, Muncie, Indiana ("Site"). The Program is the recipient of a federal Brownfields 128(a) grant awarded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency which allows for site-specific remediation activities. As a condition of use of the federal funds, the Program must ensure a review is conducted to determine the potential applicability of the National Historic Preservation Act to the Site.

Information about the Program and Property Owner's Plans:

Federal Funding Source: The Program has selected this Site at which to use site-specific 128(a) grant funds to address hazardous contamination remaining on the property. The current owner of the property is the Delaware County Board of Commissioners. The Program will use federal funds to oversee an environmental consultant to remediate environmental impacts at the Site by removing contaminated soil. Site maps and an aerial are attached as "Exhibit A" for your reference and review. At this time, a Remediation Work Plan has not been developed; however, other preliminary environmental reports have been prepared and recommendations to address the soil contamination have been made. Relevant excerpts of the Phase II Limited Site Investigation report dated August 31, 2011 and the Further Site Investigation report dated September 22, 2011 are included as "Exhibits B-1 and B-2" for your reference and review. Once the Remediation Work Plan has been developed and approved by the Program, a copy can be made available to you if it is needed to complete the Section 106 review.



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Site Background: The Site is located at 701 West 23rd Street, Muncie, Indiana, in a mixed residential, commercial, and industrial corridor on the south side of Muncie. It consists of one parcel, approximately 13.32 in size. The Site is currently vacant. Commercial properties are located east (beyond Buck Creek) and north of the Site. Residential properties are located south of the Site. Industrial properties are located south of the Site beyond the residential properties. The Site has been owned by the Delaware County Board of Commissioners since January 2000 (acquired via tax delinquency). The Commissioners have demolished all above-grade structures and only the building foundations and below-grade structures are currently present.

From 1892 to 1950, the Site was owned by Muncie Paper & Pulp and Hinde and Dauch Paper Company. Multiple buildings, vaults/pits, and above and below ground tanks were constructed on the Site during this period. Goodyear Tire and Rubber Metal Parts operated on the Site from 1950 to 1954, and again from 1957 to 1967. In 1987, the Site operated as Jordan Paper Products, Inc., and was purchased in 1988 by Muncie Paper Process, Inc. (a recycling operation). Site operations ceased in 1991.

Environmental investigations at the Site show that both the soil and groundwater have been impacted by the historical operations. Arsenic and lead have been detected at concentrations above the IDEM residential default closure levels (RDCLs) and industrial default closure levels (IDCLs) for the direct contact (Direct Contact) exposure pathway in soils. Arsenic-impacted soil in the vicinity of SB-24 has been delineated in all directions to its RISC Direct Contact IDCL. This area of the Site is reflected in "Exhibit C-1" (ATC Figure 5A). The extent of the lead-impacted soil in the vicinity of SB-31 has been delineated to the RISC Direct Contact IDCL only to the north, east and west, but not the south. The southern most boring (GP-213) exceeds the RISC Direct Contact IDCL for lead in soil. The vertical extent of the lead impacted soil has been delineated to RISC Direct Contact IDCL. This area of the Site is reflected in "Exhibit C-2" (ATC Figure 5B). The areas surrounding SB-24 and SB-31 shown in Exhibits C-1 and C-2 illustrate the general areas where contaminated soil will be excavated and disposed of appropriately off-Site.

Historical Status of Site:

The Site has no known historical significance. The Site is not listed as a historical property on any registries. All above-grade buildings have been removed and only building foundations and below grade structures remain.

Sources of Historical Information:

Delaware County Interim Report (Indiana Historic Sites and Structures Inventory) dated April 1985.
DNR – Indiana properties listed on the State and National Registries (last updated February 2012).

In order to facilitate the appropriate review process by the U.S. EPA, I am requesting that all correspondence from your office to the Program also be copied to **Jan Pels, Project Manager, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, 77 W. Jackson Blvd., SB-7J, Chicago, IL 60604**. Thank you for your assistance, and if you should have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (317) 234-0618.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

cc: *(via electronic transmission)*

Jan Pels, Project Manager, U.S. EPA

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