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Ms. Denise A. Wood, Director of Environmental Compliance
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Re: Inactive Hazardous Waste Sites Priority List
Mohawk-Karastan
Greenville, Pitt County

Dear Ms. Wood:

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Under the Inactive Hazardous Sites Response Act, persons who move forward to assess and clean up contamination, without being compelled to do so through formal legal action filed against them, are called "volunteers." To participate in the Inactive Hazardous Sites Branch's voluntary cleanup program, you will be required to enter into an administrative agreement with the Branch. If a responsible party or owner wishes to voluntarily perform a site cleanup, they should first complete a Site Cleanup Questionnaire available at http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/wm/sf/sfavailabledocs under the Forms heading. The voluntary cleanup will proceed through the Registered Environmental Consultant Program or under direct oversight by the Branch Staff, as discussed below.

The Branch has a privatized oversight arm of the voluntary cleanup program known as the Registered Environmental Consultant ("REC") program. Based on the responses provided on the questionnaire (degree of hazard and public interest in the site), the Branch will determine whether a staff person or an REC will perform the oversight and approval of your assessment and cleanup action. Please note that having one or more of the conditions identified on the questionnaire does not necessarily preclude the site for qualifying for an REC-directed cleanup action.

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Sincerely,

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