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Subject: Wix Dixon Facility / REC
Attachments: EXH 1.pdf; EXH 2.pdf; Feb 2015 Letter Investigation Update.pdf

Kristin,

Please see the attached letter and exhibits in relation to our Wix Dixon Location and the REC program. I have also sent these documents by way of US Mail. If you have any questions please let me know.

Regards,

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February 13, 2015

Ms. Kristen Lippert
Regional PCB Coordinator
United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region 4
61 Forsyth Street, SW
Atlanta, GA 30303-8960

RE: Wix Filtration Corp LLC
Dixon Plant, Gastonia, NC

Dear Ms. Lippert:

Wix Filtration Corp LLC (“Wix”) owns a facility located at 1525 S. Marietta Street in Gastonia, North Carolina 28054. We previously wrote to your office concerning this facility on December 19, 2012. (See Exhibit 1, which is a copy of that letter).

In order to keep you apprised of the status of the investigation activities at this location, we are forwarding you a copy of the proposed Administrative Agreement (“AA”) that Wix is preparing to enter into voluntarily with the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources under their Registered Environmental Consultant (“REC”) program. (See Exhibit 2 for the proposed AA). Please let the undersigned know if you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter further at this point.

Very truly yours,

Keith Clark
Director HR & Environmental, Health & Safety
Wix Filtration Corp LLC

cc: Kim Caulk, NC DENR REC Program Manager
Steve Kretschman, WSP
Weston Adams, III, MGC



Wix Filtration Corporation
Allen Plant
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Gastonia, NC 28052

December 19, 2012

Mr. Ken Feely
Regional PCB Coordinator
United States Environmental Protection Agency
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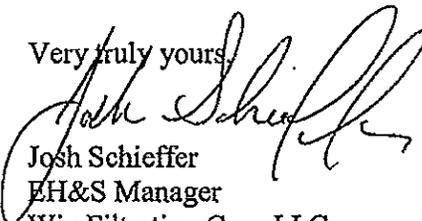
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Dear Mr. Feely:

This letter is a follow-up to my telephone call with you today regarding Wix Filtration Corp LLC ("Wix"), which owns a facility located at 1525 S. Marietta Street in Gastonia, North Carolina 28054. The facility is located on a 5.45-acre parcel of property and is primarily used for product research, engineering, development and testing automotive air filters. Prior uses include a tire manufacturing operation.

Per my voicemail left to you on December 19, 2012, as part of a vendor due diligence process, Wix conducted a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment in July 2012, which identified a former boiler pit, located in a newly-renovated air filter test laboratory space, as a recognized environmental concern. A subsequent Phase II investigation, conducted in late October 2012, revealed PCB levels in samples from one soil boring that exceed the North Carolina protection of groundwater PSRG and, in one duplicate sample, the residential and industrial standards. Wix hereby is providing notice to EPA Region 4 of these soil boring sample readings.

Very truly yours,


Josh Schieffer
EH&S Manager
Wix Filtration Corp LLC

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**NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT
AND NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF WASTE MANAGEMENT
SUPERFUND SECTION**

**IN RE: WIX FILTRATION CORP-DIXON PLANT ADMINISTRATIVE AGREEMENT
NONCD0002925 FOR REGISTERED ENVIRONMENTAL
GASTONIA, NORTH CAROLINA CONSULTANT-DIRECTED ASSESSMENT
GASTON COUNTY AND REMEDIAL ACTION PURSUANT TO
N.C.G.S. 130A-310.9(c) and 15A NCAC 13C .0300.**

DOCKET NUMBER _____-SF-_____

I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The purpose of this Administrative Agreement (Agreement) is to provide for implementation by Wix Filtration Corp LLC (the Remediator) of a voluntary remedial action program pursuant to N.C.G.S. 130A-310.9(c) and 15A NCAC 13C .0300 at the site defined in Section II. A. of this Agreement.

II. STIPULATIONS OF FACT

A. The "Site" is any area on the property located at 1525 South Marietta Street, Gastonia in Gaston County, North Carolina and currently owned by Wix Filtration Corp LLC where a hazardous substance has been disposed, deposited, placed or discharged and any other area or property to which the contamination from that disposal, deposition, placement or discharge has come to be located.

B. The Site is an inactive hazardous substance or waste disposal site within the meaning of N.C.G.S. 130A-310(3).

III. WORK TO BE PERFORMED

A. The Remediator shall conduct a voluntary remedial action at the Site in accordance with the provisions of N.C.G.S. 130A-310.9(c), 15A NCAC 13C .0300, and the "Registered Environmental Consultant Program Implementation Guidance" of the North Carolina Division of Waste Management (the Division). The voluntary remedial action shall include the remediation of any hazardous substances as defined in G.S. 130A-310(2) and any contaminants as defined in 15A NCAC 2L that have been disposed, deposited, discarded, discharged, or abandoned at the Site.

- B. Within thirty-six (36) months after the execution of this Agreement, the Remediator shall complete a remedial investigation at the Site which complies with the provisions of 15A NCAC 13C .0300 including, but not limited to, .0302(f), .0302(k)-(p), .0306(c)-(h) and .0306(q). For any requirement that has already been met, the Remediator shall specify the location within the document(s) on file with the Superfund Section that show(s) that the requirement has been met. The remedial investigation shall not be considered complete until the Remediator has submitted a remedial investigation report and completion statement, both certified in accordance with .0306(b) by the REC and the Remediator.
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- A. All work performed pursuant to this Agreement shall be under the direction and supervision of the Division-approved REC specified in Attachment A, in accordance with 15A NCAC 13C .0302(f).

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- F. This is a voluntary agreement. If the Remediator elects to discontinue implementation of work under this Agreement, the Remediator shall notify the Division in writing of such intent and this Agreement shall be dissolved upon the Division's receipt of such written notice. If the Division determines that the Remediator is not complying with the terms of this Agreement in a timely manner, the Division may notify the Remediator in writing of such determination, and the Agreement shall be dissolved upon the Remediator's receipt of such written notice. Further, should the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("the EPA") list the Site, or any portion of it, on the National Priorities List ("the NPL"), should the Site score high enough for listing on the NPL, or should the Division state in writing to the Remediator that it desires that the EPA not be limited in its authority under any portion of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, codified at 42 U.S.C. §§ 9601 to 9675, by the existence of this Agreement, then either party may dissolve this Agreement except of the rights and obligations specified in Attachment A. Dissolution on the basis of NPL scoring or to remove any bar to EPA's authority shall be without prejudice to either party to enter into an Administrative Agreement at a later date if allowed by, and subject to, North Carolina law then existing regarding Administrative Agreements. In any of these events, neither party may seek judicial review of the dissolution of this Agreement or has any right, claim or action for breach of this Agreement. In any of these events, the Division shall retain all its applicable enforcement rights against the Remediator,

and the Remediator shall retain all applicable defenses. Notwithstanding the foregoing or the subsequent dissolution of this Agreement, paragraphs IV, E, H, and I and the rights, obligations and duties contained therein shall survive the dissolution of this Agreement. Also, the dissolution of this Agreement shall not revoke, negate and/or otherwise excuse the violation(s) of any applicable statute or rule occurring prior to said dissolution. Additionally, the dissolution of this Agreement shall not revoke, cancel or in any way affect the Remediator's obligation to pay any fee, cost or expense owed to the Division prior to said dissolution.

- G. Pursuant to 15A NCAC 13C .0302(g), the Division shall have complete discretion to effect cleanup itself, or directly oversee a Remediator's cleanup, if the Division determines that the Site poses an imminent hazard, if there is significant public concern, if the Division has initiated an enforcement action, if the Division is concerned about material misrepresentations or environmental non-compliance on the part of a party seeking to effect or effecting remedial action at the Site pursuant to this Section, if hazardous substances have migrated to adjoining property, or if other conditions, such as the presence of sensitive environments or mixed wastes (commingled radioactive and chemical wastes), so warrant.
- H. To the extent not barred by North Carolina law, the undersigned Remediator agrees to indemnify and save and hold harmless the State of North Carolina and its agencies, departments, officials, agents, employees, contractors and representatives, from any and all claims or causes of action arising from or on account of acts or omissions of the Remediator or its officers, employees, receivers, trustees, agents or assigns in carrying out actions required pursuant to the Agreement.
- I. Neither the State of North Carolina nor any agency or representative thereof shall be held to be party to any contract involving the Remediator relating to the Site excluding, however, this Agreement.
- J. The Remediator shall submit electronic copies of all work plans and reports. Electronic documents should be submitted in a format designated by the Division. Currently, electronic documents should be submitted on CD in high resolution PDF/A (minimum 300 dpi) PDF/A format.

The effective date of this Agreement shall be the date on which it is executed by Jim Bateson.

Date Executed: _____

By: _____
Jim Bateson, L.G.
Chief, Superfund Section
Division of Waste Management
North Carolina Department of Environment
and Natural Resources

By: _____
(Signature of Party Authorized to Bind Remediator)

(Typed or Printed Name of Signatory, Title)

(Typed or Printed Name of Company)

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Attachment A: Confirmation of Retention of a Registered Environmental Consultant

We hereby certify that the Remediator has retained the undersigned Division-approved Registered Environmental Consultant (REC) to implement and oversee a voluntary remedial action at the Site pursuant to N.C.G.S. 130A-310.9(c) and 15A NCAC 13C .0300, and that the undersigned Division-approved Registered Site Manager (RSM) shall serve as RSM for the voluntary remedial action.

The Remediator affirms that the REC has been provided a full and complete copy of this Agreement prior to signature. The undersigned REC representatives affirm that they have received and read this Agreement. Both the Remediator and REC acknowledge that the REC is fully accountable for complying with 15A NCAC 13C .0300 including the deadlines established upon execution of this Agreement. Should the contractual relationship between the REC and the Remediator terminate or should the REC otherwise cease to be REC of the Site for whatever reason, the Remediator and/or REC shall give notice to the Division in writing within ten (10) days of that termination or cessation.

Remediator:

(Signature Party Authorized to Bind Remediator) (Date)

(Typed or Printed Name of Signatory, Title)

(Typed or Printed Name of Company)

Registered Environmental Consultant:

(Signature of REC Owner, Partner, or Corporate Officer) (Date)

(Typed or Printed Name of Signatory, Title)

(Typed or Printed Name of REC Firm)

Registered Site Manager:

(RSM Signature) (Date)

(Typed or Printed Name of RSM)

Caulk, Kim

From: Caulk, Kim
Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2015 10:56 AM
To: Clark, Keith
Cc: Weston Adams (wadams@mgclaw.com); Sturgess, Dave; Gibson, Monty; Johnson, Eric (eric.johnson@wspgroup.com)
Subject: Draft REC-AA request for Wix Filtration Corp Site (NONCD0002925), Gastonia, Gaston Co.
Attachments: Wix Filtration Corp. RECAA.1.15.doc

Mr. Clark:

Thank you for your interest in the REC Program. Attached is a draft Administrative Agreement (AA) for a Registered Environmental Consultant (REC)-directed assessment and remedial action for the Wix Filtration Corp Site (Site). The REC Program is a privatized remediation program and the work is independent from state oversight. With this e-mail, I would like to provide the following detailed but important instructions and information regarding the AA and work in the REC Program:

1. The REC-AA is a standard document prepared with the assistance of the attorney general's office. The majority of the contents for the AA are taken from the REC Rules and the Inactive Hazardous Sites Response Act and, therefore, most of the contents cannot be changed. The Remediating Party (RP) and REC should carefully review this document to make sure the information on the front page is correct and contact me with any questions regarding the contents and the procedures for executing the AA. To save everyone time, before making proposed changes to the contents, I recommend that we have a telephone call to discuss any general issues. If everyone is satisfied with the terms specified in the agreement, please let me know, but do not sign the draft AA and mail it to the Inactive Hazardous Sites Branch (Branch). The Branch will prepare a final AA, assign a docket number, and mail it to the RP for appropriate signatures. The RP will then forward it to the selected REC to sign and return to the Branch for execution.
2. Section III of the AA specifies the work that is to be performed for these independent cleanups. To ensure protection of public health, for any site entering the REC Program, regardless of the stage of current remedial activities, the RP along with its designated Registered Site Manager (RSM) needs to make sure that all elements for a particular work phase (e.g. remedial investigation work plan, remedial investigation report, remedial action plan, etc.) have been evaluated for each media (i.e., soil, sediment, groundwater, and vapor intrusion).
3. The REC Rules include various components to evaluate during each work phase and document for the public file [see 15A NCAC 13C .0306]. To assist the RP and RSM, many procedures and standard industrial practices for completing the work phases and preparing the documents are described in the Branch's REC Program Implementation Guidance (Guidance), which can be found on our web site at <http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/wm/sf/ihs/recprogram>. Additional useful materials such as document component checklists are also provided on the web site.
4. The Branch recognizes that some sites have a long environmental history and may have already performed a significant amount of remedial activity. Therefore, as indicated in Section III of the AA, for any work phase component that has already been completed, the RP and RSM can provide a general description or summary of the previous findings that support any conclusions and explain where more detailed information can be found in documents that are on file with the Superfund Section. **SITE DATA AND INFORMATION MAY NEED TO BE UPDATED OR COMPLETED, BUT NONE OF THE PREVIOUS WORK HAS TO BE REPEATED.**
5. Be aware, after the AA is executed, all future work plans, report documents, and work phase completion statements that are submitted for the public record have to be certified by the RP and RSM [see .0306(b) for more

information]. The certifications are important and meant to assure that these independent actions are being conducted properly and protecting public health.

6. At any point during the cleanup, if a unique circumstance exists regarding any of the REC Program work phases or procedures described in the Guidance, please do not hesitate to contact REC Program staff and we will be glad to discuss the situation and a possible solution.

7. By law the Department of Environment and Natural Resources must allow a 30-day public comment period for the proposed AA prior to its execution. Therefore, the RP and/or the REC will need to provide the Branch with a surrounding property map, such as a tax record map, and the mailing addresses of each of the surrounding property owners. I can begin the public notice while we are working together on the AA.

8. In order to participate in the REC Program, an annual administrative fee that is used by the state to offset the costs for auditing REC sites is needed [see .0307(c)]. The initial fee, which is due upon entering the REC Program, is \$2,500.00 and must be received by the Branch before the AA can be executed. Checks should be made payable to NC Division of Waste Management and referenced to the REC Trust Fund. There will be a similar fee each year until the active cleanup at the Site is complete. The annual fee is based on the number of sites in the REC Program and the state's projected costs for overseeing the program activities.

I hope the above information is useful. Before we proceed with finalizing the AA, I would like to have a brief conference call with the remediating party, the proposed REC/RSM, and any other interested parties so we can discuss together the overall function of the Branch and the REC Program and the work to be performed. Just let me know a day and time that would be convenient for everyone.

Thanks again for your interest in the REC Program. Please contact me at your convenience to arrange the call or if you have any questions.

Regards,
Kim

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- D. The Remediator shall pay an annual administration fee to the Division, in accordance with 15A NCAC 13C .0307(c), to help offset the costs of the Division's audits of voluntary remedial actions.
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- F. This is a voluntary agreement. If the Remediator elects to discontinue implementation of work under this Agreement, the Remediator shall notify the Division in writing of such intent and this Agreement shall be dissolved upon the Division's receipt of such written notice. If the Division determines that the Remediator is not complying with the terms of this Agreement in a timely manner, the Division may notify the Remediator in writing of such determination, and the Agreement shall be dissolved upon the Remediator's receipt of such written notice. Further, should the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("the EPA") list the Site, or any portion of it, on the National Priorities List ("the NPL"), should the Site score high enough for listing on the NPL, or should the Division state in writing to the Remediator that it desires that the EPA not be limited in its authority under any portion of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, codified at 42 U.S.C. §§ 9601 to 9675, by the existence of this Agreement, then either party may dissolve this Agreement except of the rights and obligations specified in Attachment A. Dissolution on the basis of NPL scoring or to remove any bar to EPA's authority shall be without prejudice to either party to enter into an Administrative Agreement at a later date if allowed by, and subject to, North Carolina law then existing regarding Administrative Agreements. In any of these events, neither party may seek judicial review of the dissolution of this Agreement or has any right, claim or action for breach of this Agreement. In any of these events, the Division shall retain all its applicable enforcement rights against the Remediator,

and the Remediator shall retain all applicable defenses. Notwithstanding the foregoing or the subsequent dissolution of this Agreement, paragraphs IV. E, H, and I and the rights, obligations and duties contained therein shall survive the dissolution of this Agreement. Also, the dissolution of this Agreement shall not revoke, negate and/or otherwise excuse the violation(s) of any applicable statute or rule occurring prior to said dissolution. Additionally, the dissolution of this Agreement shall not revoke, cancel or in any way affect the Remediator's obligation to pay any fee, cost or expense owed to the Division prior to said dissolution.

- G. Pursuant to 15A NCAC 13C .0302(g), the Division shall have complete discretion to effect cleanup itself, or directly oversee a Remediator's cleanup, if the Division determines that the Site poses an imminent hazard, if there is significant public concern, if the Division has initiated an enforcement action, if the Division is concerned about material misrepresentations or environmental non-compliance on the part of a party seeking to effect or effecting remedial action at the Site pursuant to this Section, if hazardous substances have migrated to adjoining property, or if other conditions, such as the presence of sensitive environments or mixed wastes (commingled radioactive and chemical wastes), so warrant.
- H. To the extent not barred by North Carolina law, the undersigned Remediator agrees to indemnify and save and hold harmless the State of North Carolina and its agencies, departments, officials, agents, employees, contractors and representatives, from any and all claims or causes of action arising from or on account of acts or omissions of the Remediator or its officers, employees, receivers, trustees, agents or assigns in carrying out actions required pursuant to the Agreement.
- I. Neither the State of North Carolina nor any agency or representative thereof shall be held to be party to any contract involving the Remediator relating to the Site excluding, however, this Agreement.
- J. The Remediator shall submit electronic copies of all work plans and reports. Electronic documents should be submitted in a format designated by the Division. Currently, electronic documents should be submitted on CD in high resolution PDF/A (minimum 300 dpi) PDF/A format.

The effective date of this Agreement shall be the date on which it is executed by Jim Bateson.

Date Executed: _____

By: _____
Jim Bateson, L.G.
Chief, Superfund Section
Division of Waste Management
North Carolina Department of Environment
and Natural Resources

By: _____
(Signature of Party Authorized to Bind Remediator)

(Typed or Printed Name of Signatory, Title)

(Typed or Printed Name of Company)

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Attachment A: Confirmation of Retention of a Registered Environmental Consultant

We hereby certify that the Remediator has retained the undersigned Division-approved Registered Environmental Consultant (REC) to implement and oversee a voluntary remedial action at the Site pursuant to N.C.G.S. 130A-310.9(c) and 15A NCAC 13C .0300, and that the undersigned Division-approved Registered Site Manager (RSM) shall serve as RSM for the voluntary remedial action.

The Remediator affirms that the REC has been provided a full and complete copy of this Agreement prior to signature. The undersigned REC representatives affirm that they have received and read this Agreement. Both the Remediator and REC acknowledge that the REC is fully accountable for complying with 15A NCAC 13C .0300 including the deadlines established upon execution of this Agreement. Should the contractual relationship between the REC and the Remediator terminate or should the REC otherwise cease to be REC of the Site for whatever reason, the Remediator and/or REC shall give notice to the Division in writing within ten (10) days of that termination or cessation.

Remediator:

(Signature Party Authorized to Bind Remediator) (Date)

(Typed or Printed Name of Signatory, Title)

(Typed or Printed Name of Company)

Registered Environmental Consultant:

(Signature of REC Owner, Partner, or Corporate Officer) (Date)

(Typed or Printed Name of Signatory, Title)

(Typed or Printed Name of REC Firm)

Registered Site Manager:

(RSM Signature) (Date)

(Typed or Printed Name of RSM)



Reply To

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January 13, 2015

Via email (kim.caulk@NCDENR.gov) and via US Mail

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RE: REC Program for Wix Filtration Corp LLC's Dixon Plant
1525 South Marietta Street
Gastonia, Gaston County, NC
Site ID # NONCD0002925
Our File No.: 20587.12017

Dear Kim:

We are writing in response to your colleague Trudy Beverly's letter of April 2, 2014 addressed to Josh Schieffer, regarding Wix Filtration Corp LLC's Dixon Plant. Wix Filtration Corp LLC ("Wix") herein provides the information requested by Ms. Beverly for NCDENR to use in drafting a proposed Administrative Agreement (AA) by which Wix would enter into the NCDENR Registered Environmental Consultant (REC) program for the polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) issue at the Dixon Plant. Per Ms. Beverly's April 2 letter, we hereby provide the following requested information for the AA:

1) **Site name, street address/location, city, and county:** Wix Filtration Corp LLC Dixon Plant, 1525 South Marietta Street, Gastonia, Gaston County, NC.

2) **Exact name of remediator:** Wix Filtration Corp LLC.

3) **Name, title, telephone number, email address, and mailing address of the highest ranking official of the remediating party have day-to-day responsibility for the performance of the remedial response action:** Keith Clark, Director, Human Resources and Environmental, Health and Safety for Affinia Group Inc., 1-704-869-3429, Keith.Clark@affiniagroup.com, Affinia Group Inc., 1 Wix Way, Gastonia, NC, 28053-1967.

4) **Name, title, telephone number, email address and mailing address of any other contact person and the proposed REC for the remedial response action:** the additional contact person is the chosen REC for the project, and that chosen REC is the environmental consulting firm WSP USA Corp LLC. The WSP contact person for this project is Robert E. Johnson, PHD and LG, Senior Technical Manager for Environmental, 1-703-318-3936, eric.johnson@wspgroup.com, WSP, 11190 Sunrise Valley Drive, Suite 300, Reston, Virginia, 20191.

5) **Current property owner of the site:** Wix Filtration Corp LLC.

Finally, please note that Wix's entry into an AA, and into the REC program, would require approval by a Wix corporate officer. Once we receive the draft AA, we will request that necessary corporate approval. We look forward to working with you on this matter.

Very best regards,



Keith Clark

Director, H.R. and E.H.S., Affinia Group Inc.

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