April 20, 2010

Benjamin H. Grumbles Director Arizona Department of Environmental Quality 100 West Washington Street Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Re: West Van Buren WQARF Site ("Site")

Dear Director Grumbles:

We are writing on behalf of a group of West Van Buren WQARF Registry Site stakeholders to follow up on our March 22nd meeting with you and other ADEQ staff members concerning the Site. We appreciate the opportunity to discuss with ADEQ our concerns regarding the Early Response Action ("ERA") proposed by the Roosevelt Irrigation District ("RID"). As you know from our meeting and the comments separately submitted by individual stakeholders, we believe that the ERA proposed by RID is legally flawed and technically unsound, and accordingly should not be approved.

We write separately to confirm that the undersigned parties are prepared to commission a feasibility study ("FS") for the Site, at an expected cost of approximately \$300,000. We are prepared to do so regardless of whether RID chooses to proceed with its pending litigation. We ask only that the reasonable and necessary costs of our work be credited toward our liability, if any, in the final WQARF allocation regarding the Site. Further, while it would be premature to speculate about the nature of any final remedy pending completion of the FS, be assured that we are committed to negotiating with the Department the implementation of a final, selected remedy, as may be appropriate.

Those parties participating in this offer, made without admission of any liability and subject to Ariz. R. Evid. and Fed. R. Evid. 408, are Air Liquide Specialty Gases, LLC; Arizona Public Service Company; the City of Phoenix; Dolphin Incorporated; HTM Sport GmbH/HEAD USA/HEADPenn Racquet Sports; Honeywell, Inc.; Maricopa Land and Cattle Co.; Milum Textile Services Co.; Nucor Corporation; Prudential Overall Supply, Inc., Salt River Project; United Industrial Corporation, and Univar USA Inc.

You will note that these parties represent an unusual cross-section of interests, including parties involved in both the West Van Buren WQARF and Motorola 52nd Street Superfund sites, small and large business, and public bodies. That these diverse interests have come together to propose such joint action should demonstrate our sincere interest in helping the timely and cost-effective implementation of a remedy selected through the appropriate WQARF process, and our collective ability to do so.

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Very truly yours,

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