

## **MEMORANDUM**

BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

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TO:

To Whom It Concerns

FROM:

Robert N. DiLella, Clerk of the Board

DATE:

August 29, 2014

RE:

Shieldalloy Metallurgical Corporation Site

Attached you will find a copy of the Resolution adopted on August 6, 2014 by the Gloucester County Board of Chosen Freeholders, urging the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the N.J. Department of Environmental Protection to fully remediate the Shieldalloy Metallurgical Corporation Site in Newfield, New Jersey in a manner safe to County residents and in protection of the environment.

If you have any questions regarding this, please give me a call at 853-3271.

## RESOLUTION URGING THE USEPA AND NJDEP TO FULLY REMEDIATE THE SHIELDALLOY METALLURGICAL CORPORATION SITE IN A MANNER THAT WILL INSURE SAFETY AND WELL BEING OF COUNTY RESIDENTS AND PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT

WHEREAS, ShieldAlloy Metallurgical Corporation (SMC) has been doing business in Newfield, NJ for many years; and

WHEREAS, as a result of doing business in Newfield, New Jersey, the residue from their operation is contaminated and/or radioactive and has been determined by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) to be a public health and safety hazard to the community and environment in the area; and

WHEREAS, the Gloucester County Board of Chosen Freeholders received and reviewed the Superfund Proposed Plan for Operable Unit Two (OU2) at the Shieldalloy Metallurgical Corporation Superfund Site located in the Borough of Newfield, County of Gloucester, NJ; and

WHEREAS, after developing and evaluating four remedial alternatives for the facility, USEPA has identified Alternative 3 (Capping Facility Soils, Excavating Sediments, and Institutional Controls) as the Preferred Alternative; and

WHEREAS capping facility soils and excavated contaminated sediments from Hudson Branch is provided for by Alternative 3 is an inadequate strategy for properly addressing the public health and environmental risks associated with the Shieldalloy Superfund site; and

WHEREAS, USEPA Alternative 4 fully addresses the contamination by excavating and treating contaminated soil on-site, then transporting the soil to a licensed, off-site disposal facility, adequately remediating the contaminated soils and sediments, the Board of Chosen Freeholders hereby urges the USEPA to select, fund, and implement the clean-up plan set forth in Alternative 4; and

**WHEREAS**, the Gloucester County Board of Chosen Freeholders additionally requests the following be included in the final report:

- a description of the pilot studies that are currently underway concerning groundwater contamination remediation at the site;
- a discussion about the monitoring program for the wetlands along the Hudson Branch;
- USEPA should implement a on-going program that samples stormwater runoff from the slag pile and evaluate potential impacts to soils, wetlands, sediments, and Hudson Branch;
- a chart of surface water, soils and sediments sampling results. This section should also include a discussion on the QA-QC Plan for the project and who is responsible for conducting the monitoring programs. A map of all sampling locations should be included;
- as the facility has been in Newfield for many years, the Human Health Risk Assessment should also include an evaluation of human health risks to the Borough residents and other persons potentially exposed to the contaminants;

- USEPA should clarify NJDEP's position on the Preferred Alternative. The report states that NJDEP is evaluating the preferred alternative and then states that NJDEP believes that the alternative will be protective of human health and the environment;
- a plan concerning the Company's commitment to funding the cleanup at the facility and whether they have the financial resources available to remediate the site;
- a commitment of Superfund funds for the Shieldalloy remediation project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Gloucester that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Gloucester hereby urge the USEPA and the NJDEP to fully remediate the Shieldalloy Metallurgical Corporation (SMC) site in a timely manner that will adequately protect the health, safety and the well being of County residents and protect the environment; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, a copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the US Department of Energy, John W. Hazen, Director of Office of Legislative Affairs, US Nuclear Regulatory Commission, US Environmental Protection Agency, Governor Chris Christie, US Senator Booker, US Senator Menendez, US Representative LoBiondo and NJ Department of Environmental Protection.

**ADOPTED** at a regular meeting of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Gloucester held on Wednesday, August 6, 2014 at Woodbury, New Jersey.

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ROBERT M. DAMMINGER, DIRECTOR

ATTEST:

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