

## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

## REGION 6 1445 ROSS AVENUE, SUITE 1200 DALLAS TX 75202-2733

May 15, 2018

Mark J. Steger Clark Hill 130 East Randolph Street, Suite 3900 Chicago, Illinois, 60601

Re:

Fansteel Site, Muskogee, Muskogee County, Oklahoma

Removal Action

Dear Mr. Steger:

Under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), commonly known as the federal "Superfund" law, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is responsible for responding to the release or threat of release of hazardous substances, pollutants or contaminants into the environment. EPA has documented that such a release has occurred at the Fansteel metal processing facility, also known as the Muskogee Site, located in Muskogee, Oklahoma ("the Fansteel Site" or "the Site"), and has determined that a removal action is necessary to protect human health and the environment. The EPA requests your permission to access the Fansteel Site to conduct a removal action.

Please see the attached Action Memorandum that documents the EPA's decision that a removal action is necessary and describes the proposed removal action. The removal action will include the removal of chemicals from the laboratory building and the removal of ammonium hydroxide from the tank outside of the laboratory building.

These activities are critical to the EPA's efforts to protect human health and the environment. Please provide the attached consent to access form to your client and respond with it filled out prior to May 31st, 2018. The completed form may be mailed, scanned and emailed, or delivered via arranged pickup with EPA field personnel.

I am available to answer any questions you may have about the removal action or the Site. Please call me at (214) 665-8525 or email me at <u>Pletan.elizabeth@epa.gov</u>. You may also contact the On-Scene Coordinator for the Site, Mr. Greg Fife, at (214) 665-6773 or <u>fife.greg@epa.gov</u>.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Pletan

Site Attorney

Enclosures: Consent to Access Form

Memorandum: Request for a Removal Action at the Fansteel Metals Site