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Ref: EPR-F

Mr. Craig Bobzien, Forest Supervisor
Black Hills National Forest
USDA Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Region
330 Mt. Rushmore Road
Custer, SD 57730-1928

RE: U.S. Forest Service Nemo Workstation Site, CERCLIS ID Number SD0009417560,
Nemo, South Dakota, 57759

Dear Mr. Bobzien,

We are requesting the Nemo Workstation facility's Site Assessment Report as well as all other information detailing current site conditions (including past and on-going releases), as we believe our file does not contain this necessary documentation. Under Section 103(c) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, 42 U.S.C. § 9601, et seq. (CERCLA), the referenced facility has reported to EPA based on a release of hazardous substances.

CERCLA, as amended by Section 120 of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA), and the National Contingency Plan (NCP), 40 CFR § 300.405, outline the requirements for site assessment activities at federal facilities, and specifically require the responsible agency to submit a Preliminary Assessment (PA) and if warranted, a Site Inspection (SI) report to EPA within a reasonable time schedule. Section 103(c) requires certain facilities where hazardous substances have been "stored, treated or disposed of" to notify EPA. That notification may include information on known, suspected, or likely releases of hazardous substances.

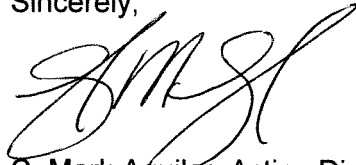
In order for EPA to comply with the NCP, we are required to conduct a Hazard Ranking System (HRS) evaluation. Executive Order 12580 (1/23/87) establishes individual federal facilities as the responsible party to provide sufficient information for EPA to conduct this HRS evaluation. All EPA guidelines, rules, regulations, and criteria on site assessments apply in the same manner and to the same extent as to non-federally owned facilities.

In addition to receiving all sampling, analytical and site and remedial investigation information for this site, we would like to arrange a meeting with the applicable individuals within the FS coordinating site assessment activities. We would like to discuss this project, including details that would help us understand the current conditions and future plans, and to provide you information on applicable requirements, and assist you with questions or technical support if

necessary to ensure the proper quality assurance/quality control procedures will be used when conducting any future sampling or investigative work. We would also like to include representatives from the State of South Dakota in these discussions.

Please have your staff contact Jean Wyatt, at (303) 312-6258, within 14 days to arrange and discuss details for the project meeting, and devise a schedule for submitting all information listed above.

Sincerely,



C. Mark Aguilar, Acting Director
Federal Facilities Program

cc: Ralph Adam, USFS
Brian Lloyd, USFS
Jean Wyatt, EPA
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