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Re: Request for Information - Superfund Cooperative Agreement V 96803401

Dear Mr. Payne and Doney Crowley, P.C.

We represent the City/County Board of Health for Lincoln County ("Board"). We have been contacted by the Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") regarding Superfund Cooperative Agreement V 96803401 ("Grant"). Specifically, the EPA has requested additional information as outlined in the following attached correspondence:

- 1. August 10, 2017 letter from James A. Hageman to Mike Cole;
- 2. September 1, 2017 letter from the undersigned to Sara Hulstein with the following attachments:
 - a. Invoices received from Doney Crowley P.C.;
 - b. July 5, 2017 Letter from R. Allan Payne to Amber Nichols; and
 - c. Doney Crowley P.C. Draft Statement ("Draft Statement"); and
- 3. November 21, 2017 letter from James A. Hageman to Mike Cole.

The purpose of this letter is to seek your help in responding to the second paragraph of the November 21, 2017 letter from James A. Hageman. We would welcome any suggestions you may have as to how best to address the EPA's continued questions regarding payments you received under the Grant. Also, we would welcome any verifications you can offer regarding the accuracy

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of the time included on the Draft Statement and whether that time was incurred in administering the Grant.

In our subsequent conversations with the EPA, the EPA made it clear that it is seeking this additional information in an effort to substantiate as much of the payments made under the Grant as possible. This would have the effect of minimizing any improper payments under the Grant for which EPA would seek reimbursement.

We look forward to hearing from you regarding the information requested in Mr. Hageman's November 21, 2017 letter. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

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