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February 3, 2009

Rochester Midland Corporation
333 Hollenbeck Street
Rochester, New York 14621
Attn: Ms. Mary Kay Ingersoll

Re: Rochester Midland Corporation (RMC)
271 Norton Street, Rochester, NY
Environmental Due Diligence Investigation

Dear Ms. Ingersoll:

Please find included in this data pack, the results of Lu Engineer's (Lu) Electromagnetic (EM) and Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) surveys of the above referenced Site. Several anomalies were identified and require further investigation to determine if a buried Underground Storage Tank (UST) or USTs are present at the Site.

The original scope of the City's investigation included: completion of EM and GPR surveys; excavation of test pits to identify detected anomalies; and a Geoprobe Subsurface Investigation to be conducted along the former railroad bed for subsurface soil characterization.

The anticipated cut/fill requirements, for the construction of the public trail along the property in question, is not expected to involve excavating to any significant depth (>18") into existing soils. The CSXT Corridor Phase I Environmental Site Assessment, performed by Lu in February 2006, did not indicate any significant Recognized Environmental Concerns (RECs) associated with the former railroad bed beyond the presence of typically encountered fill materials. These materials, comprised of ash, cinders, organics, and wood are common along railroad beds and are not considered a health hazard. As such, the City intends to modify the existing scope of our investigation and eliminate the Geoprobe Subsurface study along the western limits of the Site. Instead, the City intends to advance several shallow test excavations (< 18" depth) at intervals along the western limits of the Site in order to characterize the shallow surface soils which are likely to be encountered during the construction of the trail. A diagram indicating the locations of the test pits is also included with this data pack.

Lu has tentatively scheduled excavating the test pits for **Thursday, February 5, 2009** provided weather conditions remain favorable. The test pits along the western property limits will be shallow, can be completed quickly, and are not expected interrupt your daily operations. Excavation of the test pits, soil sample collection and site restoration should be completed in one day. Please let me know if this is acceptable to RMC, or if you have any questions or concerns regarding these program changes.

A copy of the investigation results will be forwarded to RMC as it is received. Please accept this as authorization for RMC to provide any required copies to your legal counsel or environmental consultant as needed.

Feel free to contact me at (585) 428-7892 or via e-mail at forbesj@cityofrochester.gov if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jane MH Forbes
Environmental Specialist - Remediation

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