



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 5
77 WEST JACKSON BOULEVARD
CHICAGO, IL 60604-3590

March 31, 2023

REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:
S-6J

Beverly Reed, Community Organizer
Concerned Ohio River Residents
P.O. Box 135
Bridgeport, OH 43912

Dear Ms. Reed:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency completed a Preliminary Assessment (PA) Report on the 4K Industrial Park, LLC (4K) facility located at 1001 Main Street, Martins Ferry, Belmont County, Ohio, in response to your petition dated April 4, 2022, and pursuant to Section 105(d) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. § 9601 et seq. The PA Report evaluated the potential for releases from the 4K facility and Austin Masters Services (AMS), a tenant at the 4K facility. Historical information and evaluation criteria for the 4K facility and AMS are included in the attached PA Report.

The PA Report primarily evaluated potential chemical and radionuclides releases from AMS based on prior operations, and treatment and processing of fracking waste. Historic hazardous waste releases from other prior operations at the 4K facility, including from the former Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel Corporation, are being addressed and are regulated under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Corrective Action program.

The PA found that the 4K/AMS facility preliminarily scored above 28.5 in EPA's Hazard Ranking System, a numerical tool that is utilized to screen sites for eligibility for further assessment under Superfund's site assessment program. The EPA Superfund program will initiate a Site Inspection (SI) at the 4K/AMS facility in order to collect data to evaluate potential releases at the AMS facility.

The EPA Superfund program will not investigate or evaluate prior historic hazardous waste releases at the 4K facility. These waste releases are being addressed and are regulated under the RCRA Corrective Action program. The EPA RCRA site contact is Monica Onyszko (onyszko.monica@epa.gov)

If you have any questions, please contact Francisco Arcuate, Public Affairs Specialist, at (312) 886-7613; or my staff: Denise Boone, Site Assessment and Grants Section Supervisor, at (312) 886-6217 and Patrick Hamblin, NPL Coordinator, at (312) 886-6312.

Sincerely,

X Douglas Ballotti

Douglas Ballotti, Director

Superfund & Emergency Management Division

Signed by: DOUGLAS BALLOTTI

cc: Melisa Witherspoon, OEPA
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