SUPERFUND MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY AND THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, REGION V

I. BACKGROUND

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency ("IEPA") and the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region V ("Region V") entered a Superfund Memorandum of Agreement (SMOA") effective December 18, 1991. Among other things, the SMOA established operating procedures for general Superfund program coordination and communication between IEPA and Region V.

II. BROWNFIELDS

In 1993 IEPA and Region V began developing strategies to promote the remediation and redevelopment of "Brownfield" sites. Both agencies recognize that a key factor to the Brownfields program in Illinois is for both agencies to exercise their authorities and use their resources in ways that are mutually complementary and are not duplicative. Two operational factors are important in this regard. First, the IEPA has successfully operated a voluntary cleanup since the late 1980s. This program, more formally known as the Presite Cleanup Program ("PNSCP"), provides guidance, Notice assistance and oversight by IEPA to owners and operators of sites in Illinois who perform site assessment and remediation in accordance with the practices, and under the approval, of the IEPA. In addition IEPA has established a consistent cleanup objectives process across all its remediation programs (PWSCP, CERCLA, RCRA, and LUST) which is protective of human health and the environment. Second, USEPA has administered a national site assessment program to assess sites listed on the federal CERCLIS list. This assessment process identifies and prioritizes sites for remediation needs and also establishes a "no further remedial action planned" or NFRAP category of sites. As a result of the success of these two programs, IEPA and Region V have concluded that the principles and procedures set forth in this Addendum will meaningfully assist in the remediation and development of Brownfield sites.

III. PRINCIPLES

If a site in Illinois has been remediated or investigated under the practices and procedures of the Illinois PNSCP and IEPA has approved the remediation as complete or made a no-action determination upon review of an investigation, consistent with existing information the site will not be expected to require further response actions. Accordingly, Region 5 will not plan or anticipate any federal action under Superfund law unless, in exceptional circumstances, the site poses an imminent threat or emergency situation. Region 5 will also continue to work with Illinois to remove any concerns about federal activity under Superfund so as to encourage appropriate redevelopment. This Principle does not apply to sites which have been listed on the National Priorities List or sites subject to an order or other enforcement action under Superfund law or sites imminently threatening public health or the environment. Future IEPA activities at the site will be based on the conditions of the remediation approval and whether any imminent threat subsequently arises.

IV. REPORTING

On an annual basis IEPA will report to Region V on the Following: 1) number of sites in the PNSCP;

- 2) sites entering the PNSCP the previous year;
- sites having received approvals by IEPA of full or partial completions in the previous year;

For the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

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