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Mr. Mark Austin  
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RE: Public Comments  
American Cyanamid Superfund Site Proposed Plan

Dear Mr. Austin:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written comments on the Proposed Remedial Plan for impounds 1 and 2, also referred to as Operable Unit Eight (OU8) on the American Cyanamid Superfund Site. The input provided in this correspondence serves to reinforce my commitment as a local official to advocate for an expeditious and environmentally sound clean-up of the former facility.

My foremost concern as the Mayor of Bridgewater is for the health and safety of the community. In this regard it is imperative that these aspects be paramount during any remedial actions as directed by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) for the former American Cyanamid Superfund Site. It is further obligatory that Township residents and the surrounding community in close proximity to the former industrial site be recognized as the primary stakeholders in the remediation and viable restoration of the property. All remediation plans from a technical perspective should be designed and reviewed with full recognition and acknowledgement of the needs and protection of the immediate community. I trust the EPA experts have determined which is the most suitable remedial plan to restore the site and takes into account the safety, health and welfare of the surrounding community during the cleanup.

That being said I support the approval of Alternative 6, Excavation, Dewatering, Treatment/Destruction Off Site, and Protective Cover, for impounds 1 and 2 on this site. The proposed plan represents the best available alternative for site remediation at this time. It is noted that Pfizer Corporation has taken a site they inherited through acquisition and demonstrated a willingness to invest significant capital resources to initiate and expedite site clean-up. Their communication with Township government and my Administration is to be commended. Their remediation team has expressed a willingness and desire to educate the community about the process and the steps it will undertake to return the property as an asset to the community and surrounding region. Alternative 6 encompasses the public safety, timeliness and reuse goals the site commands and will serve to benefit Bridgewater and the surrounding community.

I would further commend the staff at the USEPA for their diligence, support and technical expertise in the oversight of this cleanup. They have been a true community partner and their efforts on behalf of the residents of Bridgewater will be felt for generations to come.

Sincerely,

Daniel J. Hayes, Jr.  
Mayor