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*Via Electronic Mail (mnance@idem.in.gov)*

Mark A. Nance  
Indiana Department of Environmental Management  
Voluntary Remediation Program  
100 N. Senate Avenue, IGCN 1101  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-2251

Re: Second Request for Temporary Suspension of Certain VRP Work  
VRP Project #s 608071, 608072 & 6180601  
2302 & 2400 Taylor Street, Ft. Wayne, Indiana

Dear Mark:

On behalf of Valbruna Slater Steel Corporation and Fort Wayne Steel Corporation (collectively “Valbruna”), we respectfully request some additional time for performing upcoming sampling work associated with the above-referenced projects. Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, it remains unsafe and impractical to allow third party contractors on site to perform sampling.

Valbruna is taking extra precautions to prevent the spread of the virus. The company’s Italian facilities were seriously affected and are still not back up to normal production because of the pandemic, and Valbruna understandably wants to take every reasonable step to reduce the potential exposure of its employees and their families to COVID-19 conditions in Indiana. Valbruna remains fully committed to performing the work required under the VRP projects and will restart those activities once it is safe to do so.

Valbruna is following the guidelines provided by Governor Holcomb, IDEM, OSHA, CDC, and other governmental bodies for safe management during the COVID-19 pandemic. At this time, there is no clear indication of how long this crisis will continue and therefore Valbruna requests an additional sixty (60) day extension before resuming normal sampling for the VRP projects.

We greatly appreciate your consideration of this request and ask that IDEM issue a written extension consistent with the VRA’s terms for this purpose. Please stay healthy and safe and help Valbruna do the same for its employees and families. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



David L. Hatchett

Cc: Valter Viero