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Thomas Barnett
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Re: U. S. EPA Clean Water Act Compliance Evaluation Inspection at Cleveland-Cliffs Indiana Harbor East facility National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit number IN0000094

Dear Mr. Barnett:

On October 26 and October 27, 2022, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) conducted a compliance evaluation inspection at the Cleveland-Cliffs Steel, LLC – Indiana Harbor East facility in East Chicago, Indiana. The purpose of this inspection was to evaluate Cleveland-Cliffs Indiana Harbor East's compliance with federal NPDES Permit requirements and any industrial storm water requirements under the Clean Water Act (CWA).

The enclosed inspection report summarizes the inspection activities and observations. EPA is requesting that Cleveland-Cliffs Indiana Harbor East provide a written response to the observations in the report within 30 days from the date of receipt of this letter. In your response, document any actions you have initiated or completed to address EPA's observations. Please submit your response to Sangsook Choi of my staff at choi.sangsook@epa.gov.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this letter or believe that any part of the inspection report is not accurate, contact Ms. Choi.

Sincerely,

Ryan J. Bahr
Section 2 Supervisor
Water Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Branch

Enclosure: Inspection Report