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Gary J. LeRock
Plant Manager
Koch Nitrogen Company
P.O. Box 1337
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RE: Volume I: Field Sampling Plan and Volume II: Quality Assurance Project Plan,
dated June 2005
Koch Nitrogen Company
Dodge City, KS 67801
EPA I.D. #KSD044625010

Dear Mr. LeRock:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region VII (EPA) is in receipt of Koch Nitrogen Company's (KNC's) Volume I: Field Sampling Plan and Volume II: Quality Assurance Project Plan dated June 2005.

These documents were developed in response to EPA and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) comments that were sent to KNC in a letter dated April 27, 2005. Although KNC has improved its plan(s), our preliminary review has shown ongoing deficiencies and areas that did not address our previous comments. The plan(s) fall short of the overall objective of the RCRA Facility Investigation (RFI), which is to define the vertical and horizontal extent of contamination onsite and offsite. EPA and KDHE are currently in the process of developing detailed comments on the above referenced plans.

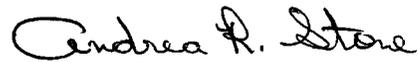
EPA is willing to allow KNC *one* additional opportunity to correct the deficiencies in these plans. If KNC's submittal of these revised plans are found to be deficient, EPA is prepared to develop the plans as provided for in Permit Condition C.14. This will be the *last* opportunity afforded KNC to write an approvable plan(s), otherwise EPA will prepare the plan(s), as described above.

EPA and KDHE are willing to have a meeting to discuss the RFI and the above-referenced work plans, to further assist KNC. EPA and KDHE plan to have final comments ready, prior to this meeting. If KNC is amenable to a meeting with EPA and

KDHE, please let me know, and I will schedule a meeting after the final comments are ready.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at 1-800-223-0425 extension 7662 or direct at (913) 551-7662.

Sincerely,



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