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Mr. Gary J. LeRock
Plant Manager
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Dear Mr. LeRock:

RE: Koch Nitrogen Company's (KNC's) Request for an Extension to Submit Revised Field Sampling Plan (FSP) and Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP)

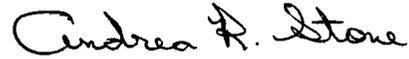
The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 7 (EPA) is in receipt of KNC's letter dated October 26, 2005, which requests an extension to submit the revised FSP and QAPP. The letter requests a thirty (30) calendar day extension following receipt of the comments from EPA's review of KNC's Background Assessment Work Plan, and KNC's draft Proposed Responses to Comments on the Field Sampling Plan.

Please note that the thirty (30) calendar day extension will put KNC's submittal into December or January depending on when KNC receives EPA's comments on the above referenced documents. EPA is expediting review of the above referenced documents and is coordinating with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE). Even with the expedited review, this may push the field work into next spring. With this in mind, KNC should consider submitting its revised FSP & QAPP as soon as possible so as not to delay the field work. Everyone involved is anxious to get the field work started as soon as possible.

Therefore, EPA is approving the thirty (30) calendar day extension requested in KNC's letter of October 26, 2005. The thirty (30) calendar days will start from certified receipt of EPA's comments on the above referenced documents.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (913) 551-7662.

Sincerely,



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