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Mr Horth:

The Maine Department of Environmental Protection (hereinafter the "Department") has reviewed the investigation reports and General Alum's proposed voluntary response action plan regarding the General Alum & Chemical Corp. property in Searsport, Maine. Based upon our review, the Department concurs that no further investigative or remedial actions are necessary at the property, other than the implementation of institutional controls to restrict the withdrawal of groundwater and identify certain excavation precautions at the property, as proposed.

Sampling indicated the presence of solvents in both the soils and groundwater beneath the property. However, existing land-use at the property (i.e. industrial) and the presence of public water service make it highly unlikely that the contamination would ever represent a threat to public health. Because of the hydrogeologic characteristics beneath the site, it is also unlikely that there will be any significant environmental impacts due to migration to the adjacent harbor.

Pursuant to 38 M.R.S.A. § 343-E(9), the Department will not take any action against General Alum with respect to the subject of the reports identified above. The issuance of a Certificate of Completion for the property is contingent upon the Department's receipt of deed restrictions prohibiting the use of groundwater at the property and the inclusion of excavation precautions in General Alum's safety procedures. The excavation restrictions must clearly identify areas on the property where soil contamination may exist and must require that excavation in these areas be supervised by personnel who have had OSHA 40 hour training and will monitor for solvent vapors using a photoionization

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detector (PID). General Alum will receive the applicable protections as provided in Title 38 MRSA §343-E upon completion of recording these land-use restrictions.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to call me at 207-287-2651.

Sincerely,



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