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Mr. David Colter, President  
General Alum New England  
34 Kidder Point Road  
Searsport, Maine 04974

Re: GAC Chemical, Historical Sulfuric Acid Plant and Sulfur Storage Area, 34 Kidder Point Road, Searsport-- No Action Assurance Letter, Voluntary Response Action Program (VRAP)

Mr. Colter:

The Maine Department of Environmental Protection ("Department") has received and reviewed a Voluntary Response Action Program ("VRAP") application and associated reports from CES, Inc. ("CES") on behalf of General Alum New England for a portion of the property located at 34 Kidder Point Road in Searsport, which is the location of the historic sulfur storage area. General Alum New England, as an applicant to the VRAP, wishes to receive the protections provided by the VRAP Law.

Based on the information presented in the submitted materials, including the *Remediation and Shoreline Stabilization Plan, Voluntary Response Action Program, 34 Kidder Point Road, Searsport, Maine*, the Department concurs with the recommendations for removal of the unused sulfur in the historic sulfur storage area, the addition of alkaline materials as backfill in these removal areas, the installation of the shoreline in-situ treatment materials, and the stabilization of the disturbed shoreline area. These actions are expected to return the pH to a more natural level within the underlying soil, groundwater, and shoreline over time. An initial pilot scale test and follow-on monitoring will be conducted to demonstrate the results of the remedial actions.

Provided that the recommended remediation measures are completed, General Alum New England, as an applicant to the VRAP, and/or those persons identified in 38 M.R.S.A. § 343-E(6) will be granted the liability protection provided by 38 M.R.S.A. §343-E (1) for the portion of the property known as the former sulfuric acid plant and sulfur storage area including the associated shoreline located 34 Kidder Point Road in Searsport, Maine.

Once the recommended remedial measures to be implemented at the property are completed in accordance with the approved remedial action plan, a report documenting such completion should be forwarded to the VRAP. Upon determining that the remedial measures have been

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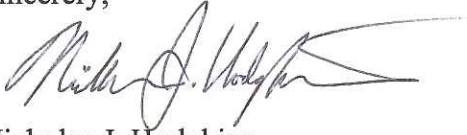
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properly completed, the Department will issue to General Alum New England a final VRAP certification.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to call me at (207) 287-4854.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nicholas J. Hodgkins", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Nicholas J. Hodgkins  
Voluntary Response Action Plan  
Division of Remediation  
Bureau of Remediation & Waste Management

Pc: Denis St. Peter, CES