

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY **REGION III** 1650 Arch Street Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103-2029

January 13, 2011

CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Scott R. Dismukes, Esquire Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott, LLC U. S. Steel Tower 600 Grant Street, 44th Floor Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Re: Consent Decree, Civil Action Numbers JFM-97-558 and JFM-97-559 EPA's Proposed Resolution of the Dispute of the June 18, 2010 "Coke Oven Area Interim Measures Work Plan Supplemental Information"

Dear Mr. Dismukes:

In accordance with Section XX. A.3., Dispute Resolution of the above-referenced Consent Decree ("CD"), the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) hereby sets forth EPA's Proposed Resolution of the Dispute raised by Severstal Sparrows point LLC ("Severstal") in its September 30, 2010 Notice of Dispute ("Notice") with respect to the June 18, 2010 "Coke Oven Area Interim Measures Work Plan Supplemental Information" ("Work Plan").

Consistent with the discussions and correspondence among the parties over the past several weeks regarding implementation of the Interim Measures at the Coke Oven Area, the enclosed letter of January 11, 2011, comprises a revised approval of the Work Plan as well as EPA's Proposed Resolution of the Dispute raised by Severstal in its September 30, 2010 Notice. The enclosed letter also memorializes the progress made by Severstal to date at the Coke Oven Area.

If you have any questions related to EPA's Proposed Resolution of Dispute, or the enclosed revised approval letter, please contact Charles Howland at (215) 814-2645 or me at (215) 814-2643 to arrange a time to discuss the matter further. Technical questions should be addressed to Andrew Fan.

EPA and MDE look forward to working with Severstal in the future as it continues to fulfill its obligations under the CD.

Sincerely,

Susan T. Hodges

Senior Assistant Regional Counsel

Encl.

cc (w/ encl):

Charles Howland, Esq. Andrew Fan Luis Pizarro Barbara Brown Mathew Zimmerman, Esq. Jeffrey Sands, Esq.