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Dear Mr. Vigod:

As you may know, the State and Federal plaintiffs and the City of Niagara Falls have begun discussions with Hooker Chemicals & Plastics Company with respect to litigation involving the S-Area Landfill. Our office believes it would be of assistance to us in these negotiations to hear the views of groups such as yours, so that any information or positions you may have can be taken into consideration during discussions with the other parties to the litigation. We therefore invite you to attend a meeting of community organizations to be held on June 18, in Niagara Falls, New York.

During this meeting, we would like to hear your concerns and comments about remedying the problem of chemical migration from the S-Area Landfill Site and related problems of chemical contamination of the Niagara River. Unfortunately, it will not be possible for us to discuss the proposals and counter-proposals which have been made in these negotiations because we are bound by a confidentiality agreement which prevents us from disclosing these details. Such agreements are standard and essential to the functioning of the negotiating process.

We have only invited environmental groups and their representatives to this meeting in the hope that our discussions can be concrete and that we can develop a working relationship with you and your organizations. We sincerely hope that you will attend, and participate, by giving us your ideas and suggestions.

Please let me know if you plan to attend.

Very truly yours,

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