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May 26, 1993

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Representative Leo J. Trich, Jr.  
Room 25A East Wing  
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Dear Representative Trich:

Enclosed is the information requested by you during your conversation with Mr. Charles Hossack of Lukens, Inc. This information includes correspondence between Pa. D.E.R. and Recmix concerning various uses of slag.

We are hopeful that recent conversations with Mr. Jim Snyder, head of solid waste for D.E.R., will promote more sensible findings as regarding slag usage, but the issue has not yet been satisfactorily resolved.

On behalf of Chuck Hossack, Washington Steel and myself, thank you for your attention on this matter and look forward to meeting with you at our plant and the Recmix site as soon as we can arrange a mutually agreeable date.

If you or your staff have any questions regarding the enclosed information, please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

*Richard B. Hoyt*

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June 8, 1993

Dear Representative Trich:

On behalf of Washington Steel, Lukens Inc. & Recmix of PA, Inc., I would like to thank you for taking your valuable time to meet with us at our Houston melt shop & Recmix's Facility on Friday, 6-4-93. I would further like to thank you for your efforts in soliciting the participation of Mr. Robert Grotevant of the Governors Staff.

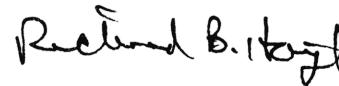
As you know, the slag issue is very significant to Washington Steel & crucial to Recmix of PA, Inc. While we had hoped that our recent contacts with D.E.R. Solid Waste Chief, James Snyder would result in more reasonable and expeditious decisions from the Regional Office, the most recent correspondence does not indicate that our efforts have borne fruit. Enclosed is D.E.R.'s rather puzzling response to Recmix's last request dated 5-25-93. Despite verbal assurance from Mr. Snyder and what we believe is overwhelming evidence that slag is a co-product for use as a mine reclamation buffering agent, the Regional Office continues to delay a favorable ruling for Recmix.

While I'm sure that the Regional Office is acting to protect the environment and the community at large, we believe they are overly conservative and that the use of this material is of no greater environmental risk than the use of mined limestone and therefore meets the definition of a co-product per the applicable environmental regulations. Further delays in appropriate approvals continues the inactive status of Recmix, it's employees & negatively affects their suppliers and their customers.

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We appreciate your ongoing assistance in this matter and remain available at anytime to meet with any appropriate personnel in an effort to restore Recmix of PA, Inc. to normal operations. Please do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Richard B. Hoyt  
Manager  
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Enclosure

cc: R. Grotevant

bcc: P. Grandy  
R. Heaton  
G. John  
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Anthony D. Orlando, Regional Manager  
Department of Environmental Resources  
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Dear Tony,

I am in receipt of your letter dated June 4th, requesting from Recmix, a "single document", with a complete and corrected laboratory analysis relative to total metal concentrations and calcium carbonate equivalency information. It is my hope that once this material is received and reviewed, that DER will expedite their ruling so that Recmix can once again become operational.

Let me point out, that getting Recmix up and running is important not only to that company (and it's 30-50 employees), but to Washington Steel Corporation as well. The ability of this major specialty steel company to work directly with Recmix is financially critical, if it is to remain competitive on the U.S. and World market. More than 800 jobs are involved, and in Western Pennsylvania every job is extremely important.

In closing, I would urge you and the department to respond favorably and promptly. Not only is it important that the dialogue by all parties remain co-operative, it should also be noted that there is a clock ticking. Therefore, time is a factor, and thus your special attention and efforts will be most appreciated.

Thanking you in advance for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Leo J. Trich, Jr.

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cc: Robert Grotevant, Governor's Office  
Wayne Hursen, Recmix  
Richard Hoyt, Washington Steel  
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July 6, 1993

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Pittsburgh PA 15222-4745

Dear Tony:

As a follow-up to our recent phone conversation, I am hopeful you can provide my office with an update regarding D.E.R.'s latest efforts to resolve the slag issue confronting Washington Steel, Lukens Inc. & Recmix of PA, Inc. Approximately one month has passed since Recmix provided your office with a complete and corrected laboratory analysis of the total metal concentrations and the calcium carbonate equivalency information you had requested.

I respectfully request that DER act expeditiously and favorably to Recmix's request. Every day which passes without DER approval for this slag disposal places a greater strain on the operations of Washington Steel and Recmix, both of whom are important industries and large employers in our community.

I hope that your office will act favorably in the near future to resolve this very important issue. If my office can be of any assistance in this regard, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

  
Leo J. Trich, Jr.  
State Representative  
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cc. T. Grant John, Washington Steel  
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Richard Myers, Washington Steel  
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July 22, 1993

The Honorable Leo J. Trich Jr.  
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Dear Rep. Trich:

I wanted to let you know that I am both pleased and impressed with the effort you have exerted on behalf of Washington Steel regarding the slag issue with Recmix. I was pleased to hear from Bruce Armon that it appears Recmix is going to be given a go ahead to receive our slag again. I do not believe that without your intervention we would have reached this point.

Thanks for your effort.

Sincerely,

Chuck Hossack

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