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CONFIDENTIAL VIA HAND DELIVERY

The Honorable Thomas A. Bedell Circuit Judge of Harrison County 301 West Main Street, Room 321 Clarksburg, West Virginia 26301

Re: <u>The Perrine DuPont</u> Settlement Remediation Program (the "Remediation Program")-Wrap-Up Matters Under the Court's July 13, 2016 Dividend Order and August 19, 2016 Amendment to Dividend Order; Our File No. 4009-1 {DD-89}

Dear Judge Bedell:

I hope this letter finds you well.

The purpose of this Report is to bring to the Court's attention some remaining Settlement winding-up issues and the appropriate use and disposition of the Surplus in accordance with the Court's July 13, 2016 Dividend Order and August 19, 2016 Amendment to Dividend Order, with both being in Attachment A to this Report.

I. Spelter Fire Station Surplus Payment to Buy Equipment

In accordance with the Court's two Dividend Orders in Attachment A, the Settlement worked closely with the Spelter Fire Station to facilitate the purchase of air tanks and UTV Side-By-Side, documentation of which is in Attachment B.

Therefore, this use of the Surplus is complete.

II. Request by Claimant Trudy Heil to Modify the Adjoining Property Owned by Mr. Randall Nutter

As the Court will recall, the Dividend Order at Page 6 provided that:

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> The additional road and infrastructure repairs and modifications described in the Report and questionnaire are approved, as are the requested drainage repairs in Eire identified by Ms. Heil, and to the extent they are consented to by the affected property owner(s), and shall be performed under the supervision of the Claims Administrator.

In an effort to carry out Ms. Heil's request and these provisions of the Court's Dividend Order, we engaged Mr. Marc Glass, the Settlement's Remediation Technical Advisor, to inspect the Nutter property and to make appropriate recommendations.

Attachment C contains the results of Mr. Glass' inspection.

It appears that the contours of Mr. Nutter's property were not materially modified by the Remediation Program, so that Ms. Heil's request as reflected in the Dividend Order may not be necessary.

We have notified Ms. Heil of the October 12, 2016 1:15 p.m. hearing, so that she can provide further input to the Court on this matter if she deems it to be appropriate. Thereafter, we would request that the Court make a final decision on this matter.

III. Repair of the Church Alley

The purpose of this letter is to ask for your guidance with regard to the unnamed alley that runs between and parallel to "A" Street and "B" Street and intersects 2nd Street in Spelter (Attachment D). As you may recall, this alley was the subject of much Claimant discussion in 2012 and 2013.

This alley has been a point of contention as far back as 2012. The Settlement asked Doug Forni of Thrasher Engineering to design a drainage system for the alley to alleviate any Claimant issues with storm water runoff. An initial design was received on October 7, 2013 (Attachment E). A town hall meeting was held the next day at the Spelter Volunteer Fire Department to discuss the design. The plan was presented at the meeting and received much criticism from Claimants owning adjoining properties. Adjoining property owners specifically cited: lack of storm water issues, unfairness in having this sum of money spent on one alley and not others, and lack of a professional survey showing property lines.

After receiving much criticism, the plan was put on hold until remediation work was completed and added to a list of outstanding complaints. This list of outstanding complaints was approved as part of the Road Re-surfacing and Infrastructure Repair by the Dividend Order dated July 13, 2016. Since being approved as the Road Repair contractor by the Court, J.F. Allen along with the Department of Transportation Division of Highways (hereafter DOH), Thrasher Engineering, and Paul Emerson and Sarah Cayton of the Settlement have met to discuss the issue again. While looking at the issues in the field, adjoining property owners voiced complaints that the previous plan from Thrasher cannot be connected to existing drop inlets and existing drainage as currently designed. Further investigation confirms that there must be additional improvements made to properly direct the water. Furthermore, issues have arisen downstream from there, where the October 4, 2016 Page 3

additional drainage would be directed. After discussion with the DOH and in an attempt to satisfy adjoining land owners the proposal has grown significantly.

A new proposal involves a new drop inlet not located in the alley which would need to be replaced and connected. All the water would then need to be connected to an open ditch at the corner of 2^{nd} and "A" Street. This open ditch currently drains into a hollow which is in the process of being filled in. The land owner has a fill permit and is adamant about no additional water being routed into the hollow.

The DOH will not allow this water to be piped underground, stating that even though it would become state property and would be on a state right-of-way, they will not and cannot commit to maintaining new buried pipes. They stated an open ditch with culverts for any crossing right-of-ways would be acceptable. The issue with an open ditch is that an adjoining land owner to where this open ditch would be located on lower "A" Street has built a parking area, outbuilding, wood storage area, and a garden on the states right-of-way (Attachment F). The DOH has expressly said they will not ask the claimant responsible for the building and storage of property on state land to remove any of it stating "It doesn't concern them". The Settlement has reached out to these claimants offering to move the woodpile and leave the shed where it sits, but the claimants state that they've improved this land for the last 40+ years and don't want to lose land they've improved or have an open ditch, but it is located approximately 15-20 feet on another claimants' property who has said they are unwilling to accept those terms.

In light of both the new and old issues stemming from this one alley we ask for the Courts guidance on the practicality of performing work in the church alley with all of its contentions and downstream issues. The project is currently bid at <u>\$56,278.50</u> but will likely increase as new drop inlets and pipes will need to be installed in order to get the water into an appropriate area. The contractor, J.F. Allen has asked to be able to adjust their bid based on the final drawings and plans. Should the court find the work be deemed too contentious, the money ear-marked for these projects could go back into the surplus fund to be split among all Claimants, or be split equally between all adjoining land owners to the alley for any work they would deem necessary for their own property. A list of all adjoining land owners is located in Attachment G.

In a final effort to resolve this matter prior to asking for the Court's help, we called an October 5, 2016 town meeting with the impacted Claimants to determine if there is a possible consensus on how to go forward. The notice of the town hall meeting is in Attachment H. We will update the Court with the results of this meeting at our October 12, 2016 1:15 p.m. hearing, to which all of these impacted Claimants have been invited.

IV. Requested Direction from the Court on Claimant Dividend Payment Issues

We are in the process of completing the Property Claimant audit in order to issue the dividend correctly and in accordance with the July 13, 2016 Dividend Order. In doing so, certain questions and issues have been raised, which we would like to bring to the Court's attention in order to resolve them correctly. These issues will be provided to the Court shortly.

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We appreciate you consideration of these matters.

A proposed Order setting these matters down for a hearing on October 12, 2016 at 1:15 p.m. is attached as Attachment I for the Court's consideration and convenience.

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Claims Administrator

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July 13, 2016 Dividend Order and August 19, 2016 Amendment to Dividend Order Spelter Fire Station Documentation Re Use of Dividend Attachment B: Attachment C: September 20, 2016 Marc Glass Report Aerial of Alley Attachment D: Thrasher Design Attachment E: Attachment F: Aerial of Hollow and Proposed Ditch List and Map of Adjoining Land Owners Attachment G: Attachment H: Alley Town Hall Meeting Notice Attachment I: Proposed Order

(confidential)(via email)(with attachments) cc: Virginia Buchanan, Esq. James S. Arnold, Esq. Meredith McCarthy, Esq. Mr. Paul Emerson Mr. Marc Glass Mr. Doug Forni Ms. Christy Mullins Ms. Sarah Cayton Mr. Tom Archer Mr. Stan Keifer Ms. Trudy Heil (via hand delivery) Mr. Randall Nutter (via hand delivery) Ms. Lori Dunn, Spelter Fire Station President (via hand delivery) Mr. James Glaspell (via hand delivery) Ms. Rhonda Blosser (via hand delivery) Methodist Church (via hand delivery) Ms. Diana Book (via hand delivery) Mr. and Ms. Paul Knotts (via hand delivery) Mr. Paul W. Knotts (via hand delivery) Mr. Jimmy Blake (via hand delivery) Mr. and Ms. Timothy Rader (via hand delivery) Ms. Carolyn Moschella (via hand delivery) Mr. Robert Rogers (via hand delivery) Mr. Derek Rogers (via hand delivery) Mr. and Mrs. Bob Greynolds (via hand delivery)

Attachment A:

July 13, 2016 Dividend Order and August 19, 2016 Amendment to Dividend Order

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HARRISON COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

Plaintiffs,

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Case No. 04-C-296-2 Judge Thomas A. Bedell

E. I. DUPONT DE NEMOURS & COMPANY, et al.,

Defendants.

FINAL ORDER DETERMINING THE USE AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE REMEDIATION FUND SURPLUS

Presently before the Court is the issue of the fair and equitable use and distribution of the projected remaining funds in the Property Remediation Qualified Settlement Fund (the "Property QSF"), with the Claims Administrator having submitted a winding-up projected budget, and the surplus being projected to remain upon the completion of the remaining aspects of the Settlement Property Remediation Program, in late 2016 or early 2017. The Claims Administrator, Ed Gentle, filed a Report with the Court on this matter on June 15, 2016, which is incorporated by reference and made part of the record herein.

The Property Remediation Program is expected to be completed in late 2016 or early 2017, with remaining repairs resulting from the Remediation Program to be conducted on claimant properties, and previously approved road repairs to be conducted in Zone 1A due to the use of heavy equipment in the area during the past four (4) years for soil remediation. Also to be performed are Zone 1A infrastructure improvements described below. After the completion of these final measures of the Remediation Program, the Claims Administrator projects that there is a surplus in the Property QSF of approximately \$4 million.

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Out of the 1,227 Property Remediation claims filed with the Claims Administrator and approved, approximately 992 properties participated in the Property Remediation Program (the "participating claimants"), while approximately 235 properties, at the option of their claimant owners, did not participate (the "nonparticipating claimants").

To fairly notice the Property Remediation Class of the surplus and possible uses of the surplus, the Claims Administrator conducted a multi-step process, beginning with inviting all participating claimant Class Members to a series of public Town Hall Meetings to gather their input and opinions. After the Town Hall Meetings, which were conducted in March 2016, the Claims Administrator developed a detailed questionnaire describing the available options for use of the surplus, which was mailed to the 992 participating claimants on May 26, 2016.

As of the June 8, 2016, response deadline for the questionnaires, 281 families responded and provided their opinions and votes, which are tabulated and described in the Report.

The Court set a public Fairness Hearing for June 22, 2016, at 8:30A.M., and the participating claimants received written notice of the hearing, together with the questionnaire results. The hearing was timely held to allow presentation of the issues related to the use and distribution of the surplus to the Court, and to allow any interested participating claimants to state their positions and concerns to the Court.

The following individuals attended the hearing: Ed Gentle, the Claims Administrator; Meredith McCarthy, Esq., as guardian *ad litem* and proxy for Class Counsel; Jim Arnold, Esq., telephonically, as counsel for DuPont; Michael Jacks, as local counsel for the Claims Administrator; Settlement Remediation Supervisor Paul Emerson; Settlement Staff members Christy Mullins and Sarah Cayton; Settlement Scientific and Technical Remediation Advisor Marc Glass; and Remediation Contractor, NorthStar Demolition and Remediation £/k/a NCM,

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employees Stan Keifer and Tom Archer. Additionally, approximately 40 claimants appeared at the hearing, and seven claimants voiced their opinions on the matter, as summarized herein.

The salient issues presented to the Court are identified below:

- Should the additional claimant requested Zone 1A infrastructure repairs, identified in Question A of the Report, be conducted and paid for out of surplus funds?
- 2) Should claimants living in Zone 1A, who had residential soil remediation as well as residential house remediation, receive a larger share of the surplus than claimants in the outer zones, who only received house remediation? A related issue is whether a Zone 1A claimant should receive one share of the dividend for the soil, and a second share of the dividend for the house, or only one share for the entire property.
- 3) Should surplus shares be divided per claimant or per property? For example, if one claimant owns three Class Area properties, should the claimant receive three shares or one share or should a compromise method be used?
- 4) Should claimants who were eligible to participate in the Remediation Program and who successfully completed and submitted a Property Claim but who then elected not to participate in the Remediation Program (the nonparticipating claimants) receive a share of the surplus?

The following claimants spoke at the hearing, and their input is summarized below. Shafter "Brud" Drummond spoke, and noted that he is a lifelong resident of Spelter, and a retired volunteer Fire Fighter. Mr. Drummond requested that a small portion of the surplus be used to benefit the Spelter Volunteer Fire Department. Mr. Drummond noted that the Spelter Volunteer Fire Department is currently faced with an expense of approximately \$40,000 to purchase new air tanks, and Mr. Drummond requested that adequate surplus funds be estimated for this expense.

Trudy Heil spoke, and requested that a portion of the surplus funds be used to drain surface water that is pooling behind her property, located in Eire, where soil remediation was conducted.

Athal Canaday spoke, and he also requested that the surface water pooling behind his property, which is adjacent to Ms. Heil's, be corrected with surplus funds. The Claims Administrator noted that Mr. Canaday's concerns are set for a separate hearing specific to his property on July 27, 2016, so they will not be addressed in this Order.

Albert Sheaffer spoke, and noted that he is also lifelong Spelter resident, and former employee of the zinc plant. Mr. Sheaffer noted that of the approximately 40 claimants in attendance, 4 were using breathing equipment for supplemental oxygen, and he requested that long term residents of the Class Area, particularly Zone 1A, receive a greater share of the surplus due to the claimed greater impact of the zinc plant on their lives and properties.

Jerry Stevens spoke, and he thanked the remediation crews and the Court, and suggested that a greater portion of the surplus go to the claimants who had lived in the Class Area the longest, and therefore were most impacted. The Court noted, in a moment of levity, that this approach would require inquiring into the age of all of the ladies in the Class Area, a task in which Mr. Stevens wisely declined to participate. The Court also finds that this suggested approach is impractical, as the surplus is from a Remediation Fund and not a Personal Injury Fund.

Shawn Shingleton, another lifelong Spelter resident, spoke, and he suggested that claimants from Zone IA receive double shares of the surplus, due to the claimed larger impact of the remediation process on their lives during the past four years. Mr. Shingleton noted that he was relocated for more than three weeks to allow his property to be remediated, and indicated that he has ongoing issues with the new sod on his property, which the Claims Administrator is addressing through separate proceedings. The Court therefore will not address the sod issue in connection with Mr. Shingleton's property in this Order.

Frank Tate, inother Spelter resident, spoke, and he thanked the clean-up crews for their efforts. Mr. Tate suggested that distribution of the surplus should go to those who lived in the area the longest, and to those who lived in Zone 1A, and were impacted the most. Mr. Tate also voiced his opinion that the State was responsible for repairing the roads, not the Settlement. The Claims Administrator noted that the Court has already approved a Road Improvement Program to ensure that the Remediation Program leaves the roads in Zone 1A as good as they were found, with such road repairs being standard in similar Remediation Programs.

The Court has carefully reviewed the documents and questionnaire results in the Report, and the other relevant submissions of the Claims Administrator. The Court further thanks the Class Members for their opinions and input into these important matters, which are a great benefit to the Court, and which were carefully considered by the Court.

The Court notes that the law as to the distribution of residual funds in a class action case is generally governed by the *cy pres* doctrine, which literally translates to "as nearly as possible" to the original purpose of the funds, and shares principles with the distribution of funds in estate matters, sometimes referred to as equitable reformation or equitable approximation. *Berry v. Union National Bank*, 262, S.E.2d 766 (W.Va. 1980). <u>See also</u>, Ed Gentle, <u>The Cy Pres</u> <u>Distribution of u Class Action Recovery Surplus: Equity or Inequity?</u>, 66 Alabama L. Rev.1 On-Line (2015).

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The Court has also been advised by the Claims Administrator that some of the properties subject to the Remediation Program, both those owned by participating claimants and those owned by nonparticipating claimants, have been sold during the course of the Remediation Program. It is therefore appropriate to determine the relative rights of former and current owners of such properties to the surplus.

After a careful review of the facts of the matter and of the pertinent law, the Court hereby ORDERS that the Claims Administrator apply the following rulings to the distribution of the surplus:

- 1) The additional road and infrastructure repairs and modifications described in the Report and questionnaire are approved, as are the requested drainage repairs in Eire identified by Ms. Heil, and to the extent they are consented to by the affected property owner(s), and shall be performed under the supervision of the Claims Administrator;
- 2) The Zone 1A participating claimants, defined above, shall each receive a <u>double</u> <u>share</u>, compared to participating claimants in the outer zones. That is, the soil property that participated is entitled to a share and the house that participated is entitled to a share. Because these were 2 claims, with each being counted as a separate claim, this decision is in accordance with the Court's prior Order dated June 27, 2011 which states that "any extra remediation funds shall be distributed equally to all participants in the Property Remediation Program". Of course, if a Zone 1A property only had soil and not a house that participated, or a house and not a soil that participated, the property is only to receive a single share.

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- The participating claimants, defined above, with house-only properties, in the outer, non-1A Zones, shall each receive <u>one share</u>.
- The nonparticipating claimants, defined above, shall each receive a <u>one-fifth share</u>, no matter what Zone the property is located in.

In the Report, the Claims Administrator noted that an analogy may be found in the MDL 926 Breast Implant Settlement, where timely registrants received a \$5,000 Advance Payment, and late registrants (with these claimants here being very late indeed), received only \$1,000.

- 5) As to whether the surplus shall be paid on a per property basis or a per claimant basis, the Court determines that:
 - a. The share distribution shall be per claimant unit, regardless of the number of properties owned by each claimant unit.
- 6) The Spelter Volunteer Fire Department shall receive \$40,000 only to replace their air tanks, but the Claims Administrator shall so earmark, monitor and document the appropriate use of the funds.
- 7) The Court notes that the Remediation Program began on November 1, 2011. The surplus attributed to a property that has not been sold from that time until the date of this Order shall be distributed to the claimant unit that owns it as of the date of this Order. A claimant unit shall include the heirs or will beneficiaries of the deceased claimant who owned the property at November 1, 2011 and departed this life prior to the date of this Order. If the property has been sold between November 1, 2011 and the date of this Order, the distribution of the surplus is described in the next paragraph.

8) The surplus pertaining to properties sold between November 1, 2011 and the date of this Order shall be distributed as follows:

- a. For participating claimants, defined above, the Court notes that they received 2 remediation annoyance and inconvenience payments, a 20% payment after their property was tested for contaminants, and an 80% payment after remediation was determined not to be necessary or was completed. It is therefore appropriate to pay (i) 20% of the surplus share to the then owners of the property at the time of the 20% initial payment; and (ii) 80% of the surplus share to the then owners of the property at the time of the second 80% payment.
- b. For nonparticipating claimants, defined above, by analogy, the Court finds it appropriate to pay 20% of the surplus to the owners of the property when it was tested for contaminants and at the time the 20% payment was made (if the claimant unit withdrew from the Remediation Program prior to receiving the 20% payment, the determination date will be November 1, 2011), and 80% as of the date of this Order. Provided the Claims Administrator acts strictly in accordance with the protocols and the directives of this Order, he and his staff are granted Judicial Immunity.

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Pursuant to Rule 54(b) of the West Virginia Rules of Civil Procedure, the Court directs entry of this Order as a Final Order as to the claims and issues above upon an express determination that there is no just reason for delay and upon an express direction for the entry for

judgment,

IT IS SO ORDERED.

The Clerk of this Court shall provide certified copies of this Order to the following:

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Virginia Buchanan Levin, Papantonio, Thomas, Mitchell, Rafferty & Proctor, P.A. P.O. Box 12308 Pensacola, FL 32591

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ENTER:

Thomas A. Bedell, Circuit Judge

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HARRISON COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

LENORA PERRINE, et al., individuals residing in West Virginia, on behalf of themselves and all others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

E. I. DU PONT DE NEMOURS AND COMPANY, et al., CIVIL ACTION NO. 04-C-296-2 Thomas A. Bedell, Circuit Judge

Defendants.

ORDER MODIFYING THE USE AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE SPELTER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT GRANT

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Presently before the Court is the Claims Administrator's August 18, 2016 Report, which requests the Court to modify the July 13, 2016 Order regarding the distribution of the funds the Court designated for the Spelter Volunteer Fire Department ("Spelter VFD").

In this Court's previously approved July 13, 2016 Order, it was ordered that "The Spelter Volunteer Fire Department shall receive \$40,000 only to replace their air tanks, but the Claims Administrator shall so earmark, monitor and document the appropriate use of the funds". Since the Order was approved, the Spelter VFD has received an opportunity to buy not just the air tanks, but accompanying air equipment that goes with them for approximately the same price. The Spelter VFD provided a letter detailing their proposal, along with estimates, which is in Attachment 2 to the Claims Administrator's August 18, 2016 Report. The Spelter VFD has requested that in addition to the money for the air tanks (approximately \$30,000), the Spelter VFD has also requested that the

remaining \$10,000 that is not spent on the tanks be invested into a UTV side-by-side for the department. A quote for the UTV from the Spelter VFD is in Attachment 3 to the Claims Administrator's August 18, 2016 Report.

The August 18, 2016 Report and this Order were shared with Counsel and no objections were received.

After a careful review of the facts of these matters and based upon the foregoing Report, and all other matters and things which the Court deems to be appropriate, it is hereby ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED as follows:

- 1. The Court Approves the modification to purchase the air tanks and the accompanying air equipment that goes with the air tanks (approximately \$30,000), and to use the remaining \$10,000 to purchase a side-by-side UTV for the department; and
- 2. Provided that the Claims Administrator and his staff act substantially in accordance with the Court's Orders on these matters, the Claims Administrator and his staff are granted judicial immunity.

Lastly, pursuant to Rule 54(b) of the West Virginia Rules of Civil Procedure, the Court directs entry of this Order as a Final Order as to the claims and issues above upon an express determination that there is no just reason for delay and upon an express direction for the entry for judgment.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

The Clerk of this Court shall provide certified copies of this Order to the following;

Edgar C. Gentle, III, Esq.

Settlement Claims Office

Settlement Administrator

Jacks Legal Group, P.L.L.C.

United Federal Credit Union Building

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Meredith McCarthy, Esq. 901 West Main Street Bridgeport, WV 26330 *Guardian Ad Litem*

ENTERED this 19 day of ADAUNT, 2016.

Thomas A. Bedell Circuit Judge of Harrison County, West Virginia

This Order Prepared By:

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STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA COUNTY OF HARRISON, TO-WIT:

I, Donald L. Kopp II, Clerk of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit and the 18th Family Court Circuit of Harrison County, West Virginia, hereby certify the

foregoing to be a true copy of the ORDER entered in the above styled action

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hercunto set my hand and affix

Seal of the Court this 19 day of Quegues 1, 20 1/2.

Fifteenth Judicial Circuit & 18th Family Court Circuit Clerk Harrison County, West Virginia

Attachment B:

Spelter Fire Station Documentation Re Use of Dividend

MEMORANDUM

TO:	Edgar C. Gentle, III, Esq.
FROM:	Terry D. Turner, Jr., Esq
DATE:	September 14, 2016
RE:	Perrine-DuPont Settlement - Spelter Fire Station Surplus Payment to Buy Equipment; Our File No. 4609-1 {DD-92}

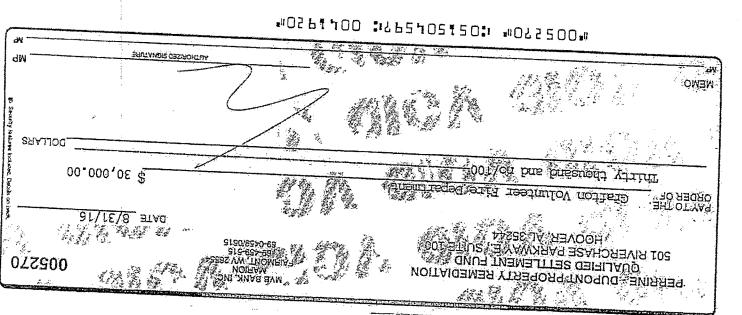
Attached please find the following documents to support the Spelter Fire Station's utilization of the \$40,000 grant to buy air tanks and a UTV side-by-side:

1. <u>\$30,000 Purchase of Air Tanks</u>: Attached please find our August 31, 2016 check from the Settlement to the Grafton Volunteer Fire Department in the amount of \$30,000, along with a copy of the Bill of Sale, for the purchase of air tanks; and

2. <u>\$10,000 Purchase of UTV Side-by-Side</u>: Also attached is an August 31, 2016 check from the Settlement in the amount of \$10,000 to Parcs Equipment, along with a September 2, 2016 invoice, detailing the receipt of the \$10,000 payment toward the invoice for a UTV side-by-side.

Should you need anything further, please let me know.

TDTjr/ Attachments





GRAFTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT 1 West Main Grafton, WV 26354 (304)265-1866 Fax: (304)265-0119

David P. Crimm- Fire Chief

Bill of Sale

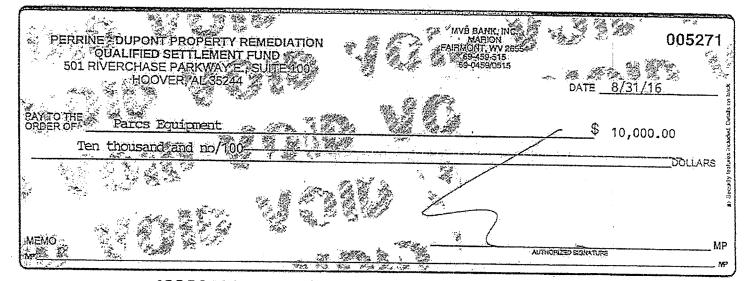
IN CONSIDERATION OF the sum of \$30,000.00 USD, plus any applicable sales taxes, paid by check, the receipt of which consideration is acknowledged, Grafton Volunteer Fine Department of 1 W. Main St Grafton, WV 26354 (the "Seller"), SELLS to the Spelter Volunteer Fine Department of 55 B St Spelter, WV 26438 (the "Purchaser"), the following property (the 'Property') 15 – Scott Safety Model 4.5 SCBA's and 30 cylinders.

The Seller warrants that (1) the Seller is the legal owner of the Property; (2) the Property is five from all liens and encumbrances; (3) the Seller has full right and authority to sell and transfer the Property; and (4) the Seller will warrant and defend the title of the Property against any and all claims and demands of all persons.

The Property is being sold in an "as is" condition and the Seller expressly disclaims all warranties, whether expressed or implied, including but not limited to, any implied warranty of merchantability or fitness for particular purpose. Further, the Seller disclaims any warranty as to the condition of the Property. The Seller does not assume, or authorize any other person to assume on the behalf of the Seller, any liability in connection with the sale of the Property. The Seller's above disclaimer of varranties does not, in any way, affect the terms of any applicable warranties from the manufacturer of the Property.

The Purchaser has been given the opportunity to inspect the Property or to have it inspected and the Purchaser has accepted the Property in its existing condition. This Bill of Sale will be construed in accordance with and the governed by the laws of the State of West Virginia.

David P, Crimm, Fire Chief Grafton Volunteer Fire Department (SELLER)



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September 20, 2016 Marc Glass Report

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September 20, 2016

Edgar C. Gentle, III, Esq. Claims Administrator Perrine DuPont Settlement Claims Office C/o Spelter Volunteer Fire Department Office S5 B Street Spelter, WV 26438 (304) 622-7443

RE: Opinions regarding August 16, 2016 Claimant concerns expressed to Settlement Claimant – Trudy Heil Map/Parcel(s) 11-16_23.1 & 24 Erie, West Virginia

Mr. Gentle,

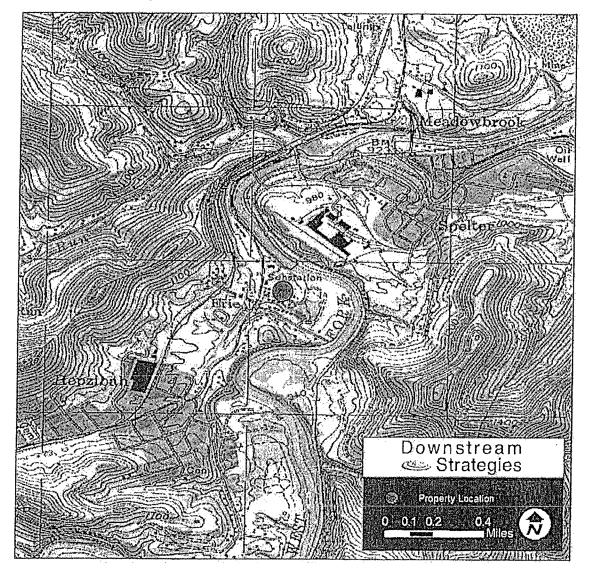
Downstream Strategies (DS) presents this summary report detailing observations and investigative results from an August 31, 2016 site inspection of the above-referenced Claimant residence. I, Marc Glass of DS, was accompanied by Paul Emerson as a representative of the Perrine DuPont Settlement (Settlement). The inspection was conducted at the request of the Settlement to evaluate several Claimant concerns expressed to the Settlement during an August 16, 2016 meeting with the Claimant.

1. PROJECT BACKGROUND

The Claimant property is located in Erie, West Virginia in Remediation Zone 1A as shown on Figure 1. It is noted that all Claimant concerns relate to soil remediation performed on the adjacent property to the north of the Heil Property, referred to as the "Nutter Field" (Map/Parcel 247_29.6), as shown on Figure 2. The specific Claimant concerns communicated to the Settlement are itemized below:

- 1. Soil remediation was not performed to the complete 6-inch depth in all areas, as specified by the Settlement remediation protocol. Specifically, where clean back-fill soil was staged during remediation.
- 2. Poor drainage in the Nutter Field will cause flooding of the Claimant's property in the event of a 100 or 500-year flood event.
- 3. Prior to remediation of the Nutter Field, a consistent slope was present from the alley behind the Claimant residence and extending to the tree line (presumed to the northeast). After remediation, a "hump" or raised elevation now exists in this transect.
- 4. Sections of plastic sheeting were left in the soil and now contribute to poorer drainage/infiltration after remediation was complete.
- 5. Replaced soll is high in clay content and contributes to poor drainage/infiltration after remediation.
- 6. Silt fence from erosion and sediment control structures was buried during remediation.
- 7. A pile of garbage is present that the Claimant believes the Settlement remediation contractors contributed to.

Figure 1: Site location map



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2. SITE INSPECTION

The following sections present investigative methods and observations made during the August 31, 2016 site inspection to evaluate the merits of the Claimant concerns. Photographic documentation of significant features of the Hell Property/Nutter Field area of concern (AOC) are referenced herein as Exhibits, included at the end of this report.

2.1 Visual observation and impressions

Weather conditions at the time of the site inspection were seasonally warm, with temperature in the mid 80s and clear skies. The last precipitation event was more than 48-hours prior to the site inspection and surface soil conditions were dry. The Nutter Field presented a well-developed sward of mixed grass species and gentle to moderate surface drainage gradients (Exhibit 1) toward the West Fork River, located approximately 1/8-mile to the north and west (Figure 2).

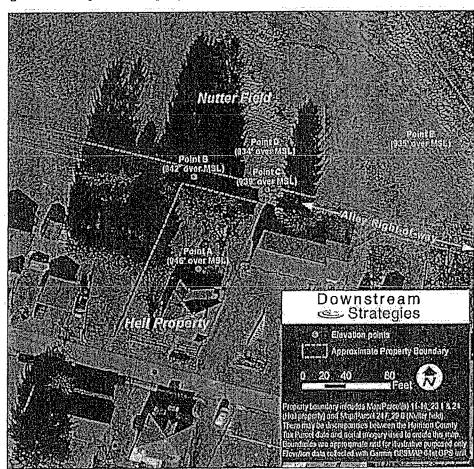


Figure 2: Site Map of Heil Property and Nutter Field

The Nutter Field is situated directly north and adjacent to the Heil Property, with an undeveloped alley rightof-way situated between the two properties. The Nutter Field extends along the entire south Heil property boundary and continues to the west and east. Surface gradients along the common Heil/Nutter property boundary are evident by visual observation to trend from south to north, with the gradient increasing with distance from the Heil Property. Photographs demonstrating current surface elevations in the area of concern are presented as Exhibits 2 through 6.

3. INVESTIGATIVE METHODS

The following subsections present investigative approaches used to evaluate Claimant concerns pertaining to elevations and fill quality in the area of concern. Multiple lines of evidence were used during the evaluation process. These include the site observations discussed previously, review of historical photograph and video, collection of current site elevation data, review of West Virginia flood hazard information, qualitative soil penetration testing, and collection of soil cores for visual inspection and qualitative texture analysis.

3.1 Photograph and video review

Several Claimant concerns related to backfill placed on the Nutter Field and/or the total depth achieved during the excavation and backfilling phases of soil remediation on the Nutter Field. Specifically, these include items #1, #4, #5, and #6 listed in Section 1 of this report and summarized below:

- Soil remediation was not performed to the complete 6-inch depth in all areas, as specified by the Settlement remediation protocol. Specifically, where clean back-fill soil was staged during remediation.
- Replaced soil is high in clay content and contributes to poor drainage/infiltration after remediation;
- Sections of plastic sheeting were left in the soil and now contribute to poorer drainage/infiltration after remediation was complete.
- Silt fence from erosion and sediment control structures was buried during remediation.

Review of video and photographs collected during soll remediation on the Nutter property indicates the following:

- Wood elevation stakes are evident throughout the Nutter Field during soil remediation. It is
 presumed these were installed to guide excavation and backfill depth. All indications from the video
 record suggest a practical and effective method for attaining the desired excavation and backfill
 elevations was used.
- Backfill soil material is visually distinct from native sub-soil material present after excavation. Backfill soils are medium to dark brown while native sub-soil is light reddish brown. Photographs and video indicate that backfill was placed to match the wood stake elevations.
- Pre-remediation video of surface gradients on the Nutter Field and near the Heil Property boundary (time signature 04:33) Indicates high consistency with current gradients observed during the August 31, 2016 site reconnaissance. In both instances, the topographic gradient trends downward from the Heil Property and to the north across the Nutter Field. However, since no surface elevation measurements were recorded prior to remediation, it cannot be confirmed if elevation differences exist between pre and post-remediation. In either case, surface gradients direct flow away from the Heil Property and to the north across the Nutter Field.
- Silt fence is evident during the soil remediation process at the Nutter Field. All photographic
 evidence reviewed indicates that silt fence either remained in place after sod installation or, in some areas, was removed concurrent with sod installation. There is no photographic evidence in the record of silt fence or plastic sheeting debris being buried during backfilling or sod placement.

The observations made from review of the Settlement photograph and video record of soil remediation at the Nutter Field are presented as Exhibits 7 through 12 to this report

3.2 **Point elevation measurements**

Point elevations were collected throughout the area of concern using hand-held GPS equipment to assist in evaluating Claimant concerns expressed as items #2 and #3 from Section 1 of this report. Specifically, these include the following:

- Prior to remediation of the Nutter Field, a consistent slope was present from the alley behind the Claimant residence and extending to the tree line (presumed to the northeast). After remediation, a "hump" or raised elevation now exists in this transect.
- Poor drainage in the Nutter Field will cause flooding of the Claimant's property in the event of a 100 or 500-year flood event.

It is noted that accuracy limitations of GPS equipment are offset by the collection of all referenced data points within a short time period (approximately 15 minutes) in clear reception of numerous satellites. This approach limits variation between points and, although elevation accuracy is subject to the limitations of GPS equipment, the variation between point elevations relative to one another is minimized.

A total of five point elevations were collected from the locations shown on Figure 2 and summarized below in Table 1.

A	Ground elevation on Hell Property near well head immediately south of residence (Exhibit 13).	946
В	Ground elevation at northwest Heil Property boundary.	942
Ċ	Ground elevation at northeast Hell Property boundary,	939
D	Ground elevation within drainage swale extending north from Heil Property.	934

Table 1: Surface elevation points

* Elevations reported in feet above mean sea level (MSL).

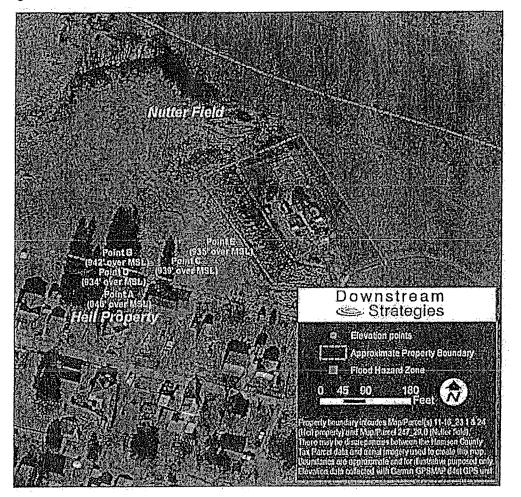
The Claimant concern that changes to the surface elevation on the Nutter Field after the Settlement soil remediation program might cause drainage issues on the Heil Property appear unfounded based on elevation measurements. Elevation measurements indicate a north trending gradient directing drainage to the north and away from the Heil residence and the Heil Property southern border.

It is noted that the elevation at Point E is approximately one-foot higher than the lowest elevation observed on the Heil Property at Point C. However, the elevations at Point E ("hump" on Nutter Field) and Point D (drainage swale on Nutter Field) demonstrate a surface gradient to the west. Further, an even stronger north-trending gradient is observed between Point C (the lowest elevation on the Heil Property) and Point D (surface elevation within the drainage swale on Nutter Field). These observations indicate surface drainage on the Nutter Field will trend away from the Heil Property toward lower elevations.

3.3 100-year flood zone evaluation

An additional Claimant concern was that current elevations and/or low permeability soils on the Nutter Field might cause flooding of the Heil Property during extreme precipitation events, such as the 100 or 500-year flood events. The area predicted by the West Virginia Flood Hazard Determination Tool¹ to be affected by a 100-year flood event from the West Fork River, located approximately 1/8-mile to the north and east of the Heil Property, is presented below on Figure 3. The Heil Property is located will beyond and topographically upgradient of the predicted flood hazard zone.

Figure 3: Point elevations and flood zones.



¹ West Virginia Flood Hazard Determination Tool, accessed September 19, 2016. http://www.mapwv.gov/flood/v1/

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3.4 Soil core sampling

As presented previously, several Claimant concerns related to backfill placed on the Nutter Field and/or the depth of remediation. Specifically, these include items #1, #4, #5, and #6 from Section 1 of this report and summarized below:

- Soil remediation was not performed to the complete 6-inch depth in all areas, as specified by the Settlement remediation protocol. Specifically, where clean back-fill soll was staged during remediation.
- Replaced soll is high in clay content and contributes to poor drainage/infiltration after remediation.
- Sections of plastic sheeting were left in the soil and now contribute to poorer drainage/infiltration after remediation was complete.
- Silt fence from erosion and sediment control structures was buried during remediation.

Additional lines of evidence were collected as soil cores to allow direct observation of fill quality and depth, as placed. A hand-held stainless steel soil trier with an %-inch diameter, 12-inch length core barrel with a recovery window was used to collect soil cores for visual inspection for foreign debris (silt fence, plastic pleces), fill depth, and to allow qualitative field testing for soil grain size distribution.

Numerous core samples were collected from the area including and surrounding the "hump" area on the Nutter Field as shown on Figure 4. This area was identified by the Claimant as a specific area of concern.

Figure 4: Soil core sample locations Nutter Field "hump".



A rectangular area was first delineated across the area of concern with survey flags. A soil core was collected at a corner and visually evaluated for apparent depth of fill material and any evidence of foreign debris. Observations were recorded in a field notebook. The next soil sample was collected by walking four paces in a transect toward the opposite corner. Two transects were originated from adjacent corners and continued — to the opposing corner. An additional transect was made from the mid-point of the long dimension of the delineated sample area to the opposite side. A minimum of 18 soil core samples were collected across the area of concern.

All soil core samples indicated between 6 and 8-inches of fill (including sod and backfill) material above the distinctly colored native subsoil. There was no plastic debris, silt fence, or any other foreign debris recovered in any of the core samples. All observations indicated that backfill was placed to a minimum depth at or exceeding six-inches and that no foreign, non-soil material was present.

Photographic documentation of the soil core sampling process ls presented as Exhibits 14 through 18.

3.5 Soil texture evaluation

At several random locations, a sub-sample of the soil core was evaluated for texture by the soil ribbon test where a moistened volume of soil is squeezed between the fingers and thumb to extrude a compressed mass of soil, or ribbon. In general, if a "ribbon" can be made longer than 2-inches before breaking under the force of gravity, it is considered to represent a clay soil. If only shorter ribbons can be formed, the soil is considered either sandy or loamy. No ribbons longer than 2-inches could be formed from the soils evaluated and therefore, the fill material was evaluated in the field as loam textured.

The Settlement also requires that remediated soil is tested in place, after sod installation, to confirm attainment of Settlement soll texture criteria as loam or silt loam. Results for the "Nutter Field" (Map/Parcel 247_29.6) laboratory soil texture analysis for samples collected in-place on June 26, 2015 and plotted on the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Soil Texture Triangle are presented as an Attachment to this report. The soil texture sampling results confirm that Nutter Field soils are classified as loam or silt-loam, with clay content less than 20%.

3.6 Compaction evaluation

To evaluate if construction equipment traffic during installation and handling of soil may have caused or contributed to compaction of the soil substrate, a qualitative penetration test was performed at random locations across the Nutter Field. If present, soil compaction may have several negative effects on sod health through poor moisture handling capacity (both too much and too little) and a media that is difficult for roots to penetrate. Infiltration of precipitation into the soil substrate will also be constrained in compacted soil conditions.

At each soil sub-sample location, an approximately 10-inch, 4-milimeter diameter wire tool, with 1-inch increment markings was advanced perpendicular to the ground surface to a depth of 10 inches or refusal under hand pressure. If refusal was encountered, the depth of penetration was recorded. In general, penetration was not possible across the Nutter Field to depths greater than 6-inches and penetration became difficult or refusal/bending of the wire under hand pressure occurred. It is noted that shallow soil conditions at the time were dry, which generally makes soils less plastic and amenable to penetration than when greater moisture is present. It is also noted that the depth of refusal generally agrees with the depth of native subsoil.

In general, the soils at the Nutter Field were evaluated to likely have low rates of infiltration by the qualitative penetration test methodology. It is noted however that compaction did not appear to be limiting to sod root growth as the grass sward appeared healthy and well established with no bare spots or indications of plant stress.

4. OPINIONS

Multiple lines of evidence were reviewed to evaluate Claimant concerns expressed to the Settlement during an August 16, 2016 meeting. The Claimant concerns, are itemized below:

- Soil remediation was not performed to the complete 6-inch depth in all areas, as specified by the Settlement remediation protocol. Specifically, where clean back-fill soil was staged during remediation.
- 2. Poor drainage in the Nutter Field will cause flooding of the Claimant's property in the event of a 100 or 500-year flood event.
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- 5. Replaced soil is high in clay content and contributes to poor drainage/infiltration after remediation.
- 6. Sllt fence from erosion and sediment control structures was buried during remediation.
- 7. A pile of garbage is present that the Claimant believes the Settlement remediation contractors contributed to.

A site inspection was performed on August 31, 2016 during which contemporary photographs, surface elevations, and sub-surface soil cores were obtained for visual inspection and qualitative texture analysis. A review of historical photograph and video records for the Hell Property and adjacent Nutter Field soil remediation was performed. West Virginia flood hazard information was also referenced to evaluate potential impacts to the Hell Property.

With regard to Claimant concern #1: Review of historical photographs and inspection of soil core samples indicates that excavation depth on the Nutter Field was performed to an average minimum depth of at least 6-inches.

With regard to Claimant concerns #2 and #3: Historical (pre-remediation) surface gradients and drainage patterns on the Nutter Field appear to closely match current site conditions. Surface gradients appear appropriate to direct all surface drainage from the Nutter Field to the north and away from the Heil Property. The topographic elevation for a portion of the Nutter Field, referenced as a "hump", located northeast of the Heil Property was measured as approximately 1-foot above the lowest elevation recorded for the Heil Property. However, surface gradients on the Nutter Field would intercept and capture drainage from the eastern portions of the Nutter Field toward a lower elevation drainage swale on the Nutter Property extending to the north and away from the Heil Property. Evaluation of the West Virginia 100-year flood hazard mapping indicates that the Heil Property is not likely to be affected by flood water from the West Fork River. Any property can be adversely impacted by extreme precipitation rates. However, due to the elevations and topographic gradients observed, it is my opinion that the Heil Property would not be impacted by surface drainage from the Nutter Field even in unusual precipitation scenarlos.

With regard to Claimant concern #4: Review of historical photographs and video, current site observation, and inspection of soil core samples provides no evidence of plastic sheeting or pieces of remediation-related debris remaining at the Nutter Field. While certainly a nuisance that should be abated if such debris were identified, it is my opinion that small pieces of impervious debris would not substantially alter the surface drainage patterns and characteristics on the Nutter Field in a way that might affect the Heil Property.

With regard to Claimant concern #5: The Settlement maintains a record of soil texture analysis for backfill material placed at the Nutter Field which indicates, through post-remediation sampling and laboratory analysis, that the placed soil is classified as loam or silt-loam and in attainment of Settlement remediation

criteria. Qualitative field assessment of soil core samples confirms this result and indicates soils with a clay content less than 20%.

With regard to Claimant concern #6: Review of historical photographs and video, current site observation, and inspection of soil core samples provides no evidence of erosion and sediment control fence material at the Nutter Field. Historical photographs indicate that silt fence either remained in place after sod installation or, in some areas, was removed concurrent with sod installation. There is no photographic evidence in the record of silt fence or plastic sheeting debris being buried during backfilling or sod placement. Current observation did not indicate silt fence remaining on the Nutter Field.

With regard to Claimant concern #7: There was no garbage or debris pile observed on the Nutter field during the site reconnaissance conducted on August 31, 2016.

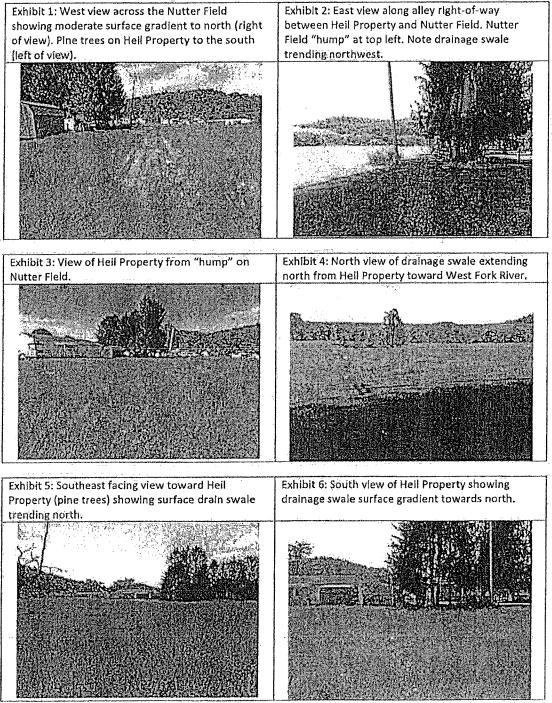
5. CONCLUSION

DS appreciates this opportunity to provide environmental consulting services to the Settlement. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly should you have any questions or wish to discuss this project further.

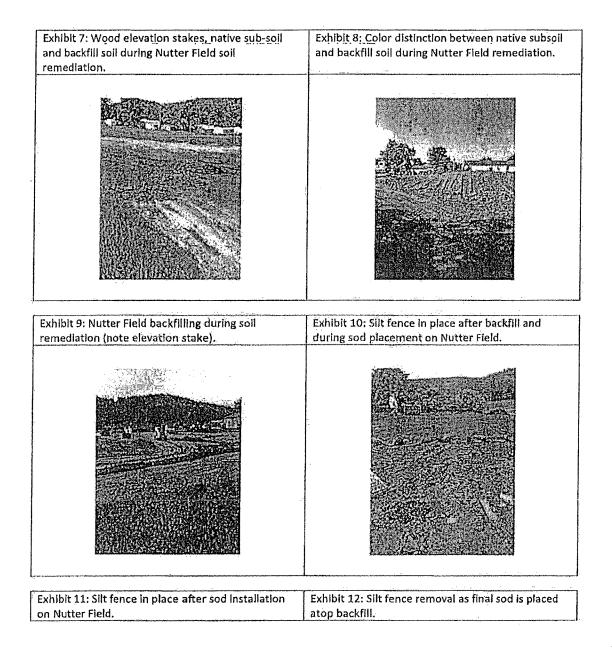
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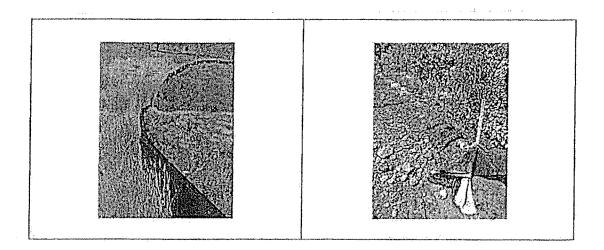
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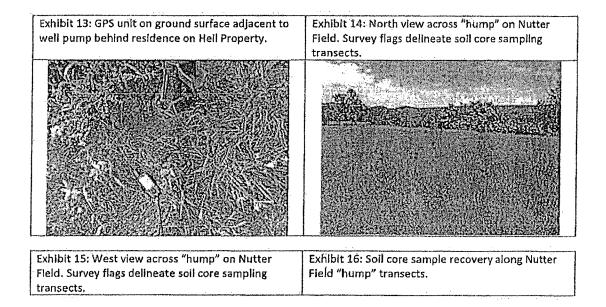
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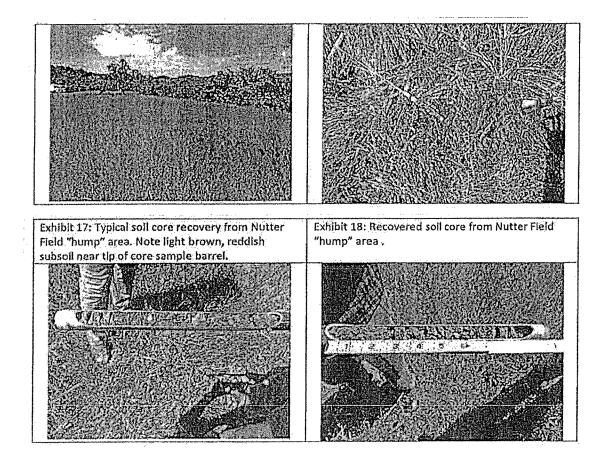


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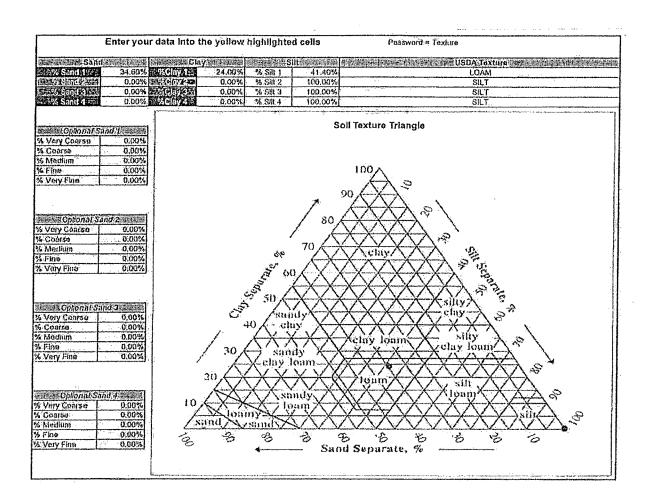


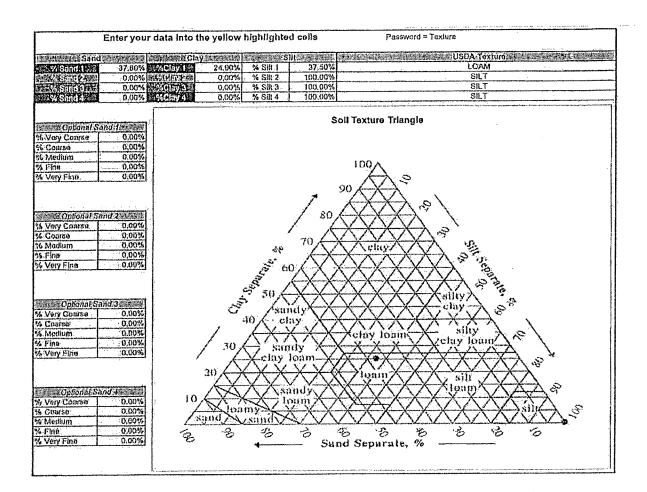


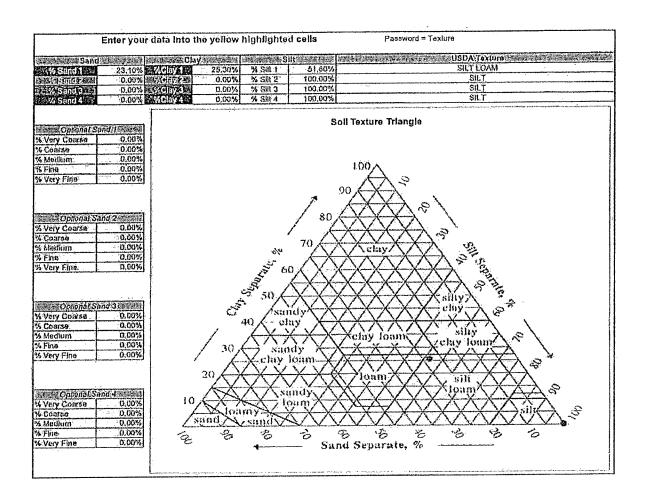




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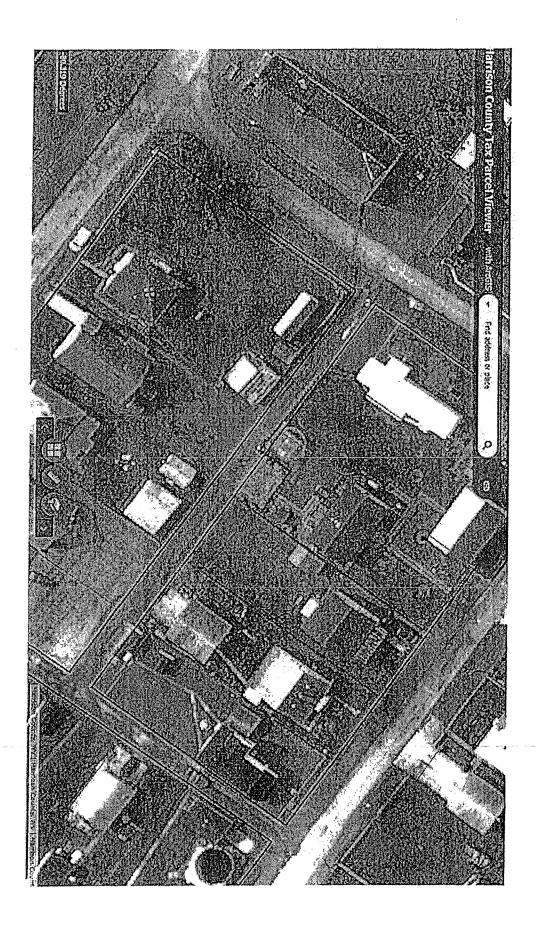


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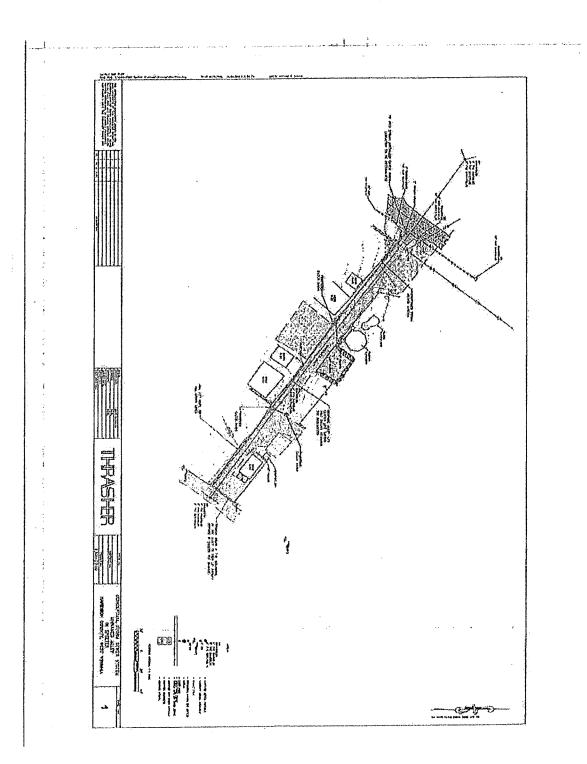
Attachment D:

Aerial of Alley



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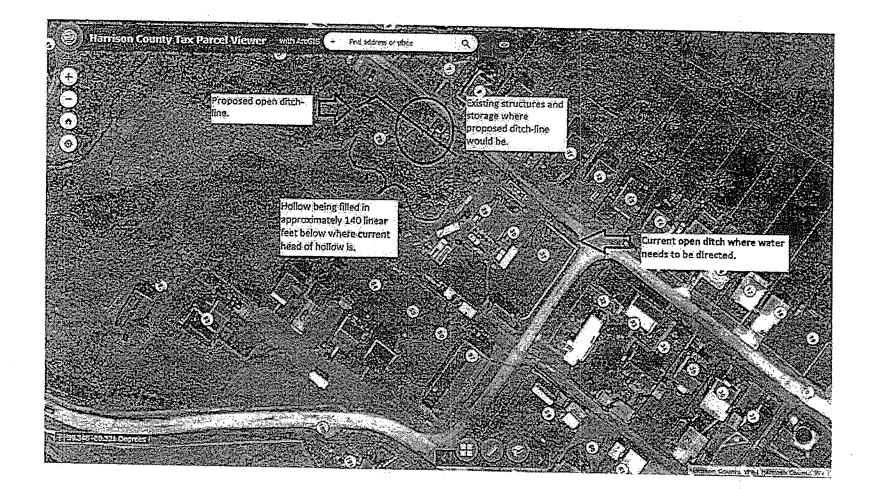
Thrasher Design



Attachment F:

Aerial of Hollow and Proposed Ditch





Attachment G:

List and Map of Adjoining Land Owners

Claimant Name	Tax ID	Lots Adjoining Alley
James Glaspell	11-01_63+62	2
Rhonda Blosser	11-01_61	1
Methodist Church	11-01_60	1
Diana Book	11-01_59	1
Paul R. and Alice	11-01_32	1
Knotts		
Paul W. Knotts	11-01_33+34	2
Jimmy Blake	11-01_35	1
Timothy and Hazel	11-01_36	1
Rader		
Carolyn Moschella	11-01_37	1
Robert an Derek	11-01_31	1
Rogers*		

*While not directly connected to alley, the water coming down the alley goes towards house and has been involved in issue from beginning.

Attachment H:

Alley Town Hall Meeting Notice

PERRINE DUPONT SETTLEMENT CLAIMS OFFICE EDGAR C. GENTLE, CLAIMS ADMINISTRATOR SPELTER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICE

55 B Street P. O. BOX 257 Spelter, West Virginia 26438 (304) 622-7443 (800) 345-0837 <u>www.perrinedupont.com</u> perrinedupont@gtandslaw.com

September 27, 2016

CONFIDENTIAL VIA HAND DELIVERY Mr. James Glaspell Ms. Rhonda Blosser Methodist Church Ms. Diana Book Mr. and Mrs. Paul Knotts Mr. Jimmy Blake Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Rader Ms. Carolyn Moschella Mr. Robert Rogers Mr. Derek Rogers Mr. and Mrs. Bob Greynolds

RE: The Perrine DuPont Property Settlement - Repair of the Church Alley in Accordance with the Court's July 13, 2016 Dividend Order; Our File No. 4609-1 {DD-47}, 4609-1 {XXX} and Claimant File

Dear All:

As you may know, the enclosed July 13, 2016 Dividend Order from the Court contemplates repair of the church alley adjacent to your property. Please see page 6 of the Order at 1 in Enclosure A, which we have highlighted for your convenience.

Before going forward with repairs, we must obtain consensus by you, the owners of the adjacent properties on how to proceed.

Enclosed for your information, please find the alley design prepared by Doug Forni, in Enclosure B, which attempts to provide a consensus plan on how to go forward. You might remember that this drawing was designed after inviting all of you to meet with us and meeting with as many of you as possible in an attempt to obtain consensus.

It is my understanding that we might not have complete agreement on this matter.

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Therefore, we will have a meeting on October 5, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time at the Spelter Fire Station to discuss this matter in an attempt to make sure we have complete agreement. Please make every attempt to attend. If you can not attend, please send someone who can speak for you if possible.

We will have Doug Forni, Paul Emerson and J.F. Allen, the contractor, present at the meeting, as well as me.

The goal of the meeting is simple: to listen to you and to determine if we can obtain agreement among you on how to proceed with this matter.

If we are not able to agree, Judge Bedell is having a hearing on October 12, 2016 at 1:15 p.m. Eastern Time to resolve remaining matters concerning the Dividend and related infrastructure repairs in Zone 1A. We will put this matter on the agenda for that hearing, and will invite you to provide your recommendations to the Court with respect to this matter.

Thank you for the opportunity to administer your Settlement these many years. I look forward to seeing you on October 5.

Yours very truly

Edgar C. Gentle,III Settlement Administrator

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cc: (confidential)(via email)
Mr. Paul Emerson
Mr. Doug Forni
Mr. Bryan Leatherman, J.F. Allen General Manager

ENCLOSURE A

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HARRISON COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

Plaintiffs,

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Case No. 04-C-296-2 Judge Thomas A. Bedell

E. I. DUPONT DE NEMOURS & COMPANY, et al.,

Defendants.

FINAL ORDER DETERMINING THE USE AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE REMEDIATION FUND SURPLUS

Presently before the Court is the issue of the fair and equitable use and distribution of the projected remaining funds in the Property Remediation Qualified Settlement Fund (the "Property QSF"), with the Claims Administrator having submitted a winding-up projected budget, and the surplus being projected to remain upon the completion of the remaining aspects of the Settlement Property Remediation Program, in late 2016 or early 2017. The Claims Administrator, Ed Gentle, filed a Report with the Court on this matter on June 15, 2016, which is incorporated by reference and made part of the record herein.

The Property Remediation Program is expected to be completed in late 2016 or early 2017, with remaining repairs resulting from the Remediation Program to be conducted on claimant properties, and previously approved road repairs to be conducted in Zone 1A due to the use of heavy equipment in the area during the past four (4) years for soil remediation. Also to be performed are Zone 1A infrastructure improvements described below. After the completion of these final measures of the Remediation Program, the Claims Administrator projects that there is a surplus in the Property QSF of approximately \$4 million. the remediation process on their lives during the past four years. Mr. Shingleton noted that he was relocated for more than three weeks to allow his property to be remediated, and indicated that he has ongoing issues with the new sod on his property, which the Claims Administrator is addressing through separate proceedings. The Court therefore will not address the sod issue in connection with Mr. Shingleton's property in this Order.

Frank Tate, another Spelter resident, spoke, and he thanked the clean-up crews for their efforts. Mr. Tate suggested that distribution of the surplus should go to those who lived in the area the longest, and to those who lived in Zone 1A, and were impacted the most. Mr. Tate also voiced his opinion that the State was responsible for repairing the roads, not the Settlement. The Claims Administrator noted that the Court has already approved a Road Improvement Program to ensure that the Remediation Program leaves the roads in Zone 1A as good as they were found, with such road repairs being standard in similar Remediation Programs.

The Court has carefully reviewed the documents and questionnaire results in the Report, and the other relevant submissions of the Claims Administrator. The Court further thanks the Class Members for their opinious and input into these important matters, which are a great benefit to the Court, and which were carefully considered by the Court.

The Court notes that the law as to the distribution of residual funds in a class action case is generally governed by the *cy pres* doctrine, which literally translates to "as nearly as possible" to the original purpose of the funds, and shares principles with the distribution of funds in estate matters, sometimes referred to as equitable reformation or equitable approximation. *Berry v. Union National Bank*, 262. 5.E.2d 766 (W.Va. 1980). See also, Ed Gentle, The Cy Pres Distribution of a Class Action Recovery Surplus: Equity or Inequity?, 66 Alabama L. Rev.1 On-Line (2015).

- 3) The participating claimants, defined above, with house-only properties, in the outer, non-IA Zones, shall each receive one share.
- 4) The nonparticipating claimants, defined above, shall each receive a <u>one-fifth share</u>, no matter what Zone the property is located in.

In the Report, the Claims Administrator noted that an analogy may be found in the MDL 926 Breast Implant Settlement, where timely registrants received a \$5,000 Advance Payment, and late registrants (with these claimants here being very late indeed), received only \$1,000.

- As to whether the surplus shall be paid on a per property basis or a per claimant basis, the Court determines that:
 - a. The share distribution shall be per claimant unit, regardless of the number of properties owned by each claimant unit.
- 6) The Spelter Volunteer Fire Department shall receive \$40,000 only to replace their air tanks, but the Claims Administrator shall so earmark, monitor and document the appropriate use of the funds.
- 7) The Court notes that the Remediation Program began on November 1, 2011. The surplus attributed to a property that has not been sold from that time until the date of this Order shall be distributed to the claimant unit that owns it as of the date of this Order. A claimant unit shall include the heirs or will beneficiaries of the deceased claimant who owned the property at November 1, 2011 and departed this life prior to the date of this Order. If the property has been sold between November 1, 2011 and the date of this Order, the distribution of the surplus is described in the next paragraph.

- 8) The surplus pertaining to properties sold between November 1, 2011 and the date of this Order shall be distributed as follows:
 - a. For participating claimants, defined above, the Court notes that they received 2 remediation annoyance and inconvenience payments, a 20% payment after their property was tested for contaminants, and an 80% payment after remediation was determined not to be necessary or was completed. It is therefore appropriate to pay (i) 20% of the surplus share to the then owners of the property at the time of the 20% initial payment; and (ii) 80% of the surplus share to the then owners of the property at the time of the second 80% payment.
 - b. For nonparticipating claimants, defined above, by analogy, the Court finds it appropriate to pay 20% of the surplus to the owners of the property when it was tested for contaminants and at the time the 20% payment was made (if the claimant unit withdrew from the Remediation Program prior to receiving the 20% payment, the determination date will be November 1, 2011), and 80% as of the date of this Order. Provided the Claims Administrator acts strictly in accordance with the protocols and the directives of this Order, he and his staff are granted Judicial Immunity.

Pursuant to Rule 54(b) of the West Virginia Rules of Civil Procedure, the Court directs entry of this Order as a Final Order as to the claims and issues above upon an express determination that there is no just reason for delay and upon an express direction for the entry for judgment.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

The Clerk of this Court shall provide certified copies of this Order to the following:

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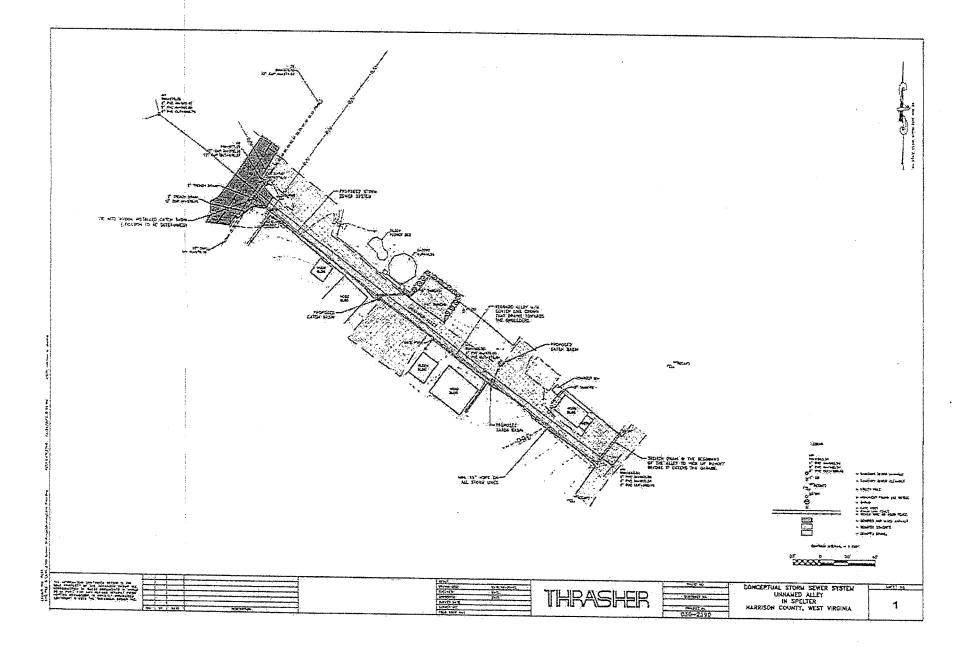
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Thomas A. Bedell, Circuit Judge

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ENCLOSURE B



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Proposed Order

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HARRISON COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

LENORA PERRINE, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

Case No. 04-C-296-2 Judge Thomas A. Bedell

E. I. DUPONT DE NEMOURS & COMPANY, et al.,

Defendants.

ORDER SETTING HEARING ON ISSUES RESPECTING DISTRIBUTION OF PROPERTY REMEDIATION PROGRAM SURPLUS AND A CLAIMANT APPEAL

Presently before the Court is the Claims Administrator's October 4, 2016 Report respecting these matters.

The Report and the matters addressed therein are hereby set for a hearing on October 12,

2016, at 1:15 P.M., and said hearing shall be held before the Honorable Thomas A. Bedell, Judge of the Circuit Court of Harrison County, West Virginia, in the Division 2 Courtroom, Room 321, located on the 4th Floor of the Harrison County Courthouse at 301 West Main Street, Clarksburg, West Virginia.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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