



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
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OFFICE OF THE  
REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR

June 24, 2013

**MEMORANDUM**

SUBJECT: Updated Response to Office of Inspector General Report No. 13-P-02072  
*Review of Hotline Complaint Regarding Residential Soil Contamination in  
Cherryvale, Kansas, dated March 28, 2013*

FROM: *for* Karl Brooks *Michael Hogue*  
Regional Administrator

TO: Arthur A. Elkins Jr.  
Inspector General

This memorandum transmits Region 7's updated response to OIG's Final Report recommendations. Region 7 agrees to take the actions recommended. The table contains high level corrective actions and estimated completion dates.

No.	Recommendation	High-Level Intended Corrective Action	Estimated Completion by Quarter and FY
1.	<p>Review all site records, including logbooks, to determine whether all imminent and substantial endangerment to public health at the National Zinc Company site was identified and addressed. To support the regions determination:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Revise or prepare an addendum to the Removal Action Summary Report. Provide any logbook pages, field sheets, site sketches, corrections, and any other missing documentation needed to provide a complete and accurate account of all properties identified, addressed and excavated during the removal action.</li><li>b. Fully document and timely communicate any actions taken in response to issues identified in this report to the public.</li></ul>	<p>Region 7 agrees to take the actions recommended. Region 7 will update the CERCLA site file by adding the log books, property tables, and prepare an addendum to the Removal Action Summary Report.</p> <p>In updating the site file, should additional actions at the site be deemed necessary, Region 7 will fully document and timely communicate any issues with the public.</p>	1 <sup>st</sup> quarter FY 2014

2.	As needed, work with KDHE to ensure appropriate action is taken to respond to any imminent and substantial endangerment to public health at the National Zinc Company site.	Region 7 agrees with this recommendation. As Region 7 updates the site file as noted in recommendation 1, should additional actions at the site be deemed necessary, Region 7 will work with KDHE. This is Region 7's standard practice.  Further, in accordance with the National Contingency Plan, Region 7 will continue to coordinate with our state counterparts.	1 <sup>st</sup> quarter FY 2014
3.	Document the costs to develop and implement the actions in recommendations 1 and 2.	Region 7 agrees to document costs incurred in responding to recommendations 1 and 2.	1 <sup>st</sup> quarter FY 2014

Contact Information

If you have any questions regarding this response, please contact Kathy Finazzo, Region 7 Audit Follow-up Coordinator, 913-551-7833.