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Mr. Paul Bucens
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**Re: Final Corrective Action Permit – Approval
Washington Research Center
Columbia, Maryland
EPA ID Number: MDD074933961**

Dear Mr. Bucens:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has issued the Final Corrective Action Permit (Final Permit) to W. R. Grace & Co.-Conn. (W.R. Grace or Permittee) Facility, located in Columbia, Maryland. The Final Permit is enclosed as Enclosure 1 and will become effective 30 days after service of this notice unless an appeal of the decision is made pursuant to § 124.15.

This Final Permit decision is in accordance with 40 C.F.R Part 124. The Draft Permit was assembled after finding that the Part A and Part B permit application was complete and technically adequate on July 19, 2017. Public Notice of the Draft Permit was published in The Howard County Times on November 30, 2017. The forty-five (45) day public comment period ended January 14, 2018. During the comment period, EPA received one set of comments, a letter dated January 12, 2018 from the Permittee.

With this Final Permit decision, the EPA has prepared the enclosed "Response to Comments Document", dated April 30, 2018 for the WR. Grace-Conn. Facility, Enclosure 2 which in accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 124.17, describes and responds to all significant comments and specifies which provisions of the Draft Permit have been changed in the Final Permit decision.



I thank you for your continued efforts in the Corrective Action Program and look forward to our ongoing collaboration and success. If you have any questions regarding this Final Permit decision, please contact Ms. Cassie McGoldrick, Remedial Project Manager, at 215-814-3399 or McGoldrick.Catherine@epa.gov. 8105 21 YAM

Sincerely,



John A. Armstead, Director
Land and Chemicals Division

Enclosures:

1. Final Corrective Action Permit
2. Response to Comments

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