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Occupational Safety and Health Administration Washington, D.C. 20210

Reply to the attention of:

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Unifrax, LLC 600 Riverwalk Parkway Suite 120 Tonawanda, NY 14150

Dear Mr. Dean Venturin:

I want to thank you, Tom Lord, and Kyle Newburn for the opportunity to tour your Carlisle, Indiana, Unifrax facility on September 29, 2015. Given the demands on your time, I really appreciate your efforts to make my visit truly special and informative. I came away from my visit with a stronger understanding of the magnitude of your accomplishments and challenges facing you and the Unifrax team to ensure the safety and health of your workers.

Since the inception of the RCF partnership, I have been impressed with the efforts by the partnering participants to address RCF exposure, both within your company and industry-wide, and even internationally, through the product stewardship program. This summer I shared copies of your 2015 Annual Report on the Product Stewardship Program (PSP) with OSHA's ten regional administrators. Given my observations and impressions from my recent visit I want to commend you and the Unifrax team for what you have achieved in substantially reducing exposures to RCF, as well as partnering with academic to continue epidemiological research on RCF workers. In addition, your efforts in general to address worker safety and health through implementation of your SHMS demonstrates that you are industry leaders in occupational safety and health.

As OSHA further promotes Safety and Health Management Systems and the creation of a safety culture within all American workplaces, your organization is clearly an example what can be done. I look forward to your next PSP Annual Report and your further progress in protecting your workers' safety and health.

Sincerely,

Thomas Galassi, Director

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