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EMERGENCY RESPONSE

The Honorable Robert A. Dixson  
Chairman  
Local Government Advisory Committee  
300 S. Main Street  
Greensburg, Kansas 67054

Dear Mayor Dixson:

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If the members of the LGAC want to discuss the committee's specific recommendations outlined in your letter, I welcome the opportunity to meet with you. Input and advice from local government leaders is important to the success of our programs. I look forward to working with you and other committee members.

Please feel free to contact David Lloyd, Director of EPA's Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization, at [Lloyd.davidr@epa.gov](mailto:Lloyd.davidr@epa.gov) or 202-566-2731 to schedule a time for us to meet.

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Dr. Hector T. Gonzalez  
Chairman  
Environmental Justice Workgroup  
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Arecibo, Puerto Rico 00612

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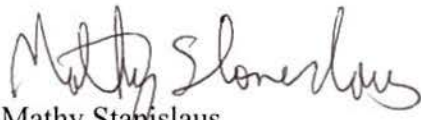
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Ms. Jill C. Duson  
Chairwoman  
Cleaning Up Our Communities Workgroup  
101 Pennell Avenue  
Portland, Maine 04103

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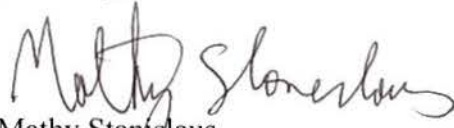
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