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Mr. Scott Brubaker
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Re: **Cytec Site Reuse Proposal**

Dear Mr. Brubaker,

We are contacting you at the request of Mr. Rinaldo D;Argenio, Esq. with respect to the proposed remediation and enhancement of the former Cytec site in Carteret, NJ. Dr. Obropta (Rutgers Water Resources Extension Specialist) and I are leaders in the Rutgers Sustainable Raritan Initiative, and founders of the Rutgers Center for Urban Environmental Sustainability (CUES). We have a strong interest in restoration projects occurring on the Rahway River, which NJDEP includes in the Raritan watershed.

We have reviewed the proposed plan for the Cytec site that was developed by Princeton Hydro. It is our understanding that 40-acres of wetland would be enhanced and that approximately 85-acres of upland would be re-graded through the addition of soil to a height that would not exceed 40 feet. We are told that the soil to be brought on site would meet the NJDEP criteria for non-residential fill. The addition of this material would contribute to stabilizing the alum ponds that remain on the property. We have been told that the goal of the project partners is to deed restrict 65-acres of the remediated uplands and the 40-acres of enhanced wetlands so no further development will occur on these 105 acres. It is anticipated that there will be 20-acres of commercial/parking in the Impound 2 area, which is on the inland side of the property.

Based on the reuse details that have been shared with us, we believe this is a good project that will ultimately enhance the habitat values of the Rahway River ecosystem. We strongly support the Cytec site reuse proposal as described above.

Sincerely Yours,

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