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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution

October 22, 2024

Ms. Kendra Derrick
EHS Specialist
BASF Corporation
14385 West Port Arthur Road
Beaumont, Texas 77705

Via email

Re: Request for Drinking Water Survey - Immediate Response Requested
BASF Corporation Beaumont Plant (BASF)
14385 West Port Arthur Road, Beaumont, Jefferson County
TCEQ Hazardous Waste Permit/Compliance Plan No. 50219
TCEQ SWR No. 30053; CN600124895; RN100634922; EPA ID No. TXD067261412

Dear Ms. Derrick:

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) received BASF's September 19, 2024 "RCRA Facility Assessment Report - Area of Concern: TCB Release" report on September 24, 2024. The information submitted indicates that concentrations of chemicals of concern in groundwater exceed residential health-based standards for ingestion. To comply with the requirements of Section 26.408(b) of the Texas Water Code, the TCEQ must notify all owners of private drinking water wells that may be affected by this groundwater contamination.

The TCEQ requests that you immediately conduct a drinking water survey in accordance with the TCEQ's guidance document "[Preparation of a Drinking Water Survey Report](#)" (RG-428). "Preparation of a Drinking Water Survey Report" (RG-428) and additional information on this request can be found at https://www.tceq.texas.gov/remediation/twc26_408.html.

Please note that the Remediation Division requires that the applicable groundwater conservation district be contacted to obtain information they may have on private drinking water wells within the search area. Information pertaining to the location of the well, well construction details, the well owner and users and other pertinent information provided by the groundwater conservation district must be included in a Drinking Water Survey Report. Additionally, the report must document how and when the information was obtained.

Within seven days of receipt of this letter, please provide a written response that you intend to comply with the above request. Your response must be submitted to the TCEQ by mail or by e-mail to rachel.vandernat@tceq.texas.gov and must indicate the

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date that you will provide the TCEQ with the above-referenced information ***within 30 days of the date of this letter.***

Please submit one paper copy and one electronic copy (on USB or disc) of the survey results as a Drinking Water Survey Report along with a completed "[Drinking Water Survey Report Transmittal Form](#)" to the TCEQ at the letterhead address using mail code number MC-127. An additional copy of the materials should be submitted in electronic format to the local TCEQ Region Office. The information in the reference block should be included in all submittals. Note that the electronic and hard copies should be identical, complete copies. A Correspondence ID Form (TCEQ Form 20428) must accompany each document submitted to the Remediation Division and should be affixed to the front of your submittal. The Correspondence ID Form helps ensure that your documents are identified correctly and are routed to the applicable program for a timely response.

If we do not receive written acknowledgment that you will perform the survey or we do not receive the Drinking Water Survey Report by the dates requested in this letter, the TCEQ will use a state contractor to conduct the survey and may seek to recover from you the costs of performing the survey.

Please contact me at rachel.vandernat@tceq.texas.gov or (512) 239-1488 if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,



Rachel Vander Nat, Project Manager
VCP-CA Section
Remediation Division
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

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cc: Mr. David King, TCEQ, Waste Section Manager, Beaumont Regional Office, MC R10 (via email)

Mr. James M. McDade, GSI Environmental, Inc., Vice President and Principal Engineer (via email)

Mr. Christ Niemke, P.E., GSI Environmental, Inc., Environmental Engineer (via email)