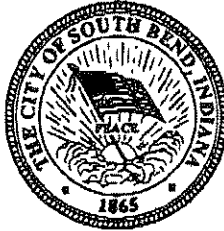


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**RE: KEN THEISEN - SOUTH BEND, INDIANA SITE VISIT**

Dear Mr. Gebien:

South Bend, Indiana is conducting one of the largest redevelopment projects in the state and the City would like to request that Ken Theisen carry out a site visit of our site to determine if EPA Emergency Response can have an active role in the project.

The Studebaker/Oliver Redevelopment Project began in 1999 and its boundary encompasses an area of 140 acres containing 3,400,000 square feet of obsolete manufacturing buildings. The City will undertake the demolition of the largest remaining property in the project area this fall (the former South Bend Stamping plant), and before that process begins we would like Ken to view the site and determine if EPA can lend assistance removing PCB transformers, press pit oils, and storage tanks and drums located on site. The property houses 1.5 million square feet on 39 acres.

Please contact me with any questions. I look forward to working with Ken and your office to clean up the legacy that Studebaker Corporation and others have left behind in the industrial heart of South Bend.

Sincerely,

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