Erich and John -

Thank you for the revisions to Section 14.1.1. Here are EPA's edits to your proposed wording. I think you will find them agreeable. Let me know. Thank you.

You were going to send me a complete mark-up of the RI text for my review this week. Is that forthcoming soon (or did I miss it somehow)?

-Dante

Here is what I came up with for the conclusion section. I included the preceding text to provide a little more context.

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3/26/07 EPA revisions to Comment 14.1.1

[Erich’s proposed wording for this paragraph is shown with EPA’s revisions dated 3/26]  

14.1.1 VOCs

The soil gas and soil data show that elevated VOC levels are associated with several former plant site facilities, primarily various storage tank areas and ethylbenzene/styrene production trains in the styrene plant cor, and laboratory and pipeline area within the butadiene plant cor. The principal VOC contaminants in these areas are benzene, and in some areas, ethylbenzene. An additional area of PCE and TCE contamination is present in the southwestern corner of the copolymer plant cor at the “pits and trenches” feature. While a release of these compounds from within the former plant site area cannot be ruled out, there is no known history of use of these compounds at the former rubber plant. However, a release of these compounds from within the former plant site area cannot be ruled out, since there is no documentation indicating the former use of the pits and trenches. There are known sources of chlorinated solvents are known to have been used at adjacent properties to the west of the former rubber plant, and maximum TCE and PCE concentrations in groundwater measured to date also occur in that area. EPA’s investigation of chlorinated solvents in the vicinity of the pits and trenches is ongoing. EPA may issue future amendments or addenda to this RI report in the event that new information becomes available.

[RE: 1st sentence edited - Note that EPA’s wording says why we can’t rule out a release from the pits & trenches (because there is no documentation about their use)].