ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

SITE REMEDIATION PROGRAM

Notice to Receive Interested Party Comments on Proposed Administrative Consent Order to Recover Cleanup and Removal Costs for the Independence Mall Site in the Township of Hamilton, Mercer County

Take notice that the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (the Department) hereby gives notice of a proposed Administrative Consent Order concerning recovery of unreimbursed cleanup and removal costs resulting from discharges at the Independence Mall property and obligation to complete the remediation of contamination resulting from discharges at the Independence Mall property, located at 2465 South Broad Street, Hamilton, Mercer County (the Site). The Site is also known and designated as Block 2389, Lots 1, 3 and 5, on the Tax Map of the Township of Hamilton, which the Department has designated as Site Remediation Program Interest No. 031417.

The Department, under the authority of the Spill Compensation and Control Act, N.J.S.A. 58:10-23.11a et seq. (Spill Act), proposes to enter into this Administrative Consent Order with IP Associates, LLC of 112 West 34th Street, New York, New York.

Under the proposed Administrative Consent Order, IP Associates, LLC of 112 West 34th Street, New York, New York has agreed to settle past unreimbursed cleanup and removal costs resulting from discharges of hazardous substances at the Independence Mall property by payment of \$300,000 to the Department. Under the proposed Administrative Consent Order, IP Associates, LLC of 112 West 34th Street, New York, New York has agreed to complete the

remediation of contamination resulting from discharges of hazardous substances at the Independence Mall property.

It is the intent of the Department and IP Associates, LLC of 112 West 34th Street, New York, New York that this Administrative Consent Order constitutes a settlement within the meaning of N.J.S.A. 58:10-23.11f(b) of the Spill Act for the purpose of providing protection from contribution actions or claims for matters addressed in this Administrative Consent Order.

Copies of the proposed Administrative Consent Order are available for inspection at the Department's main office at 401 East State Street, in Trenton, New Jersey, and via the internet at www.nj.gov/dep/srp/legal. A copy of the Department's files concerning the Site is available for review by contacting the Office of Record Access, NJDEP, P.O. Box 420, Mail Code 401-06Q, Trenton, NJ 08625-0420 or via email at records.custodian@dep.state.nj.us.

Interested persons may submit comments on the entry of this Administrative Consent Order to:

Kevin Kratina, Assistant Director New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Site Remediation Program/ Enforcement & Information Support Element Mail Code: 401-05G PO Box 420 Trenton, NJ 08625-0420

All comments must be submitted within 30 calendar days of the date of this public notice. The Department will consider all comments received and may decide to withdraw or withhold consent to the entry of the Consent Judgment if comments received disclose facts or considerations which show that the Consent Judgment is inappropriate, improper or inadequate.

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Kevin Kratina, Assistant Director

Enforcement & Information Support Element

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