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Sent via email Fabio.iwashita@dec.ny.gov

**Re: Response to NYSDEC Comments on February 2023 Work Plan
Royal Carting Hopewell Junction Facility
409 NY-82
Hopewell Junction, Dutchess County, New York
NYSDEC Site ID #314011**

Dear Mr. Iwashita,

On behalf of Royal Carting Service Company, LaBella Associates (LaBella) acknowledges receipt of NYSDEC's March 27, 2023, comment letter requesting that the work plan presented in LaBella's February 21, 2023 letter for the above-referenced Site be revised to include additional analysis. As requested, the work plan has been revised to add semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs) analysis two to pairs of surface water and sediment samples (four samples total).

The revised work plan is presented below and replaces the work plan (item 1) from LaBella's letter dated February 21, 2023.

Five additional sediment and surface water sample pairs will be collected as shown on attached Figure 7 to provide additional data for the site and downgradient areas. Each of the five sediment and five surface water samples will be analyzed for PFAS (continuing use of Method 537 for consistency with prior SCR data) and total metals. Two of the sample pairs (Sed-4/SW-4 and Sed-7/SW-7) will also be analyzed for SVOCs analysis by EPA Method 8270.

This sampling is expected to be completed in one field day and we request that approval timing align with sampling before spring vegetation growth to minimize the vegetation clearing needed to access sample locations in the wooded areas. QAQC sampling and analysis will be comprised of one sediment and one surface water MS/MSD (four samples total) for PFAS analysis, one equipment blank for PFAS analysis as appropriate based on field sampling equipment uses, and one sediment sample field duplicate for PFAS, metals, and SVOCs analyses.

Since the media to be sampled are wet, no CAMP monitoring is required during this effort.

In addition, LaBella's Site Characterization Report (SCR) will be updated based on our responses to NYSDEC's January 24, 2023 comment letter as approved in NYSDEC's March 27, 2023 letter.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (518) 824-1928 or astromain@labellapc.com.

Respectfully submitted,
LaBella Associates

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Arlette St. Romain', is positioned above the printed name.

Arlette St. Romain
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Attachment: Figure 7 PFAS and Metals Pesticides in Sediment and Surface Water (shows five proposed sediment and surface water sample pairs)

