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5-1-91

May 1, 1991

Mr. Phil Lammers  
 City Manager  
 City of Cameron Missouri  
 205 North Main Street  
 Cameron, Missouri 64474

Re: Rockwool Company Site

Dear Mr. Lammers:

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If you have any further questions, please contact me at (913) 236-3888.

Sincerely,



Paul E. Doherty  
 Chief, Site Investigation Section  
 Emergency Planning and Response  
 Environmental Services Division

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REGION VII  
CONGRESSIONAL CONTROLLED CORRESPONDENCE  
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FROM:

Christopher S. Bond

CONTROL NO:

CIGL-91-213-514

DATE RECEIVED:

4-30-91

DUE DATE:

5-7-91

CONSTITUENT:

Phil Lammers  
City Manager  
City of Cameron  
205 North Main Street  
Cameron, MO 64429

SUBJECT:

EPA involvement in former Rockwool Company, Inc.  
complex making sale difficult.

ASSIGNED:

SIGNATURE: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

Response to: 312 Monroe  
Jefferson City, MO 65101

To Coordinate Response call:

         Ann Keener x7388  
  X   Jan Lambert x7768

For General Information, call x7308, CIGL.



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**TO**  
Ron McCutcheon

**OFFICE/PHONE**  
EPA - 236-3881

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**FROM**  
Jan Lambert

**PHONE**  
913-551-7768

**MAIL CODE**  
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CHRISTOPHER S. BOND  
MISSOURI

## United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-2503

April 25, 1991

Mr. Morris Kay  
Environmental Protection Agency  
Regional Administrator  
726 Minnesota Avenue  
Kansas City, Kansas 66101

Dear Mr. Kay:

Please find enclosed a letter from one of my constituents who is concerned about obtaining the results of the Environmental Protection Agency's inspection of an industrial site in Cameron, Missouri.

Because of my wish to be responsive to the needs of those whom I represent, I ask your thoughtful investigation into this matter. I look forward to your reply, which should be directed to my office at the address below:

Office of Constituent Services  
312 Monroe  
Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

  
Christopher S. Bond

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Enclosure

# CITY OF CAMERON

(816) 632-2177

205 NORTH MAIN STREET

CAMERON, MISSOURI 64429

April 9, 1991

Christopher S. Bond  
312 Monroe  
Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

Dear Senator Bond:

For the last two years, the City of Cameron has been marketing an industrial site donated to us by the Rockwool Company, Inc. The company went out of business in the early 1980's and after their efforts to sell the building failed, they donated the 20 acres and 86,000 sq. ft. building to the city.

Recently, the city attracted a buyer for the complex. This individual was going to redevelop the site and hire 20 new employees. All went well with efforts to sell until the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency visited the site for the second time in a one year period and then neglected to write and inform the city as to the status of the Rockwool facility.

It seems the EPA received an anonymous phone call in late 1989 or early 1990 that led them to suspect hazardous waste buried on site. EPA representatives visited the site during February of 1990 and indicated to the city staff verbally they had not found anything.

One year later, after a bonafide buyer approached the City with financing and a good plan the EPA made a second trip to look at the site. Again, no written response as to why or the nature of the problem. During the negotiations with the buyer, all information was disclosed about environmental issues. The buyer and the city had agreed to a method for rectifying all environmental issues. However, the presence of the EPA on two occasions with no clarification or determination was too much for the buyer. As a result he has withdrawn his offer and the city is unable to market the property because of the lack of determination from the EPA.

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Christopher S. Bond

If we have a problem we will fix it. If the EPA believes there is no reason for further investigation, we need it in writing to market the building. As it stands, one anonymous phone call to the EPA is enough to stop any real estate sale in the United States.

Please look into this matter for us. As I have stated earlier, if we have a problem we need to know about it. But, if there seems to be no justification for further investigation, we have got to have it in writing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Phyl Lammers". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely,".

Phyl Lammers  
City Manager

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