



U.S. Department  
of Transportation  
**Pipeline and Hazardous  
Materials Safety  
Administration**

1200 New Jersey Ave., S.E.  
Washington, DC 20590

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The Honorable Tammy Baldwin  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Baldwin:

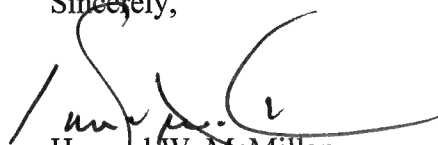
Thank you for your letter regarding the handling of chemical and hazardous waste by Greif, Inc., and its related companies in Milwaukee, St. Francis, and Oak Creek, Wisconsin. The U.S. Department of Transportation (Department or DOT) shares your concerns over the potential violations of the Hazardous Materials Regulations, set forth at 49 C.F.R. Parts 171-180, and other applicable laws, and is taking immediate steps in coordination with other regulatory agencies to address these important safety issues.

The Department and the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, an operating administration of DOT, regulate the transportation and storage incidental to transportation, of hazardous materials, which includes hazardous waste, in commerce, and the manufacture, reuse, and testing of packages used to transport hazardous materials. Other issues described in the reports that you identified, such as worker exposure to hazardous chemicals and mixing and disposing of hazardous waste, are regulated by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. For this reason, we have begun coordinating our compliance efforts with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, EPA Region 5 and OSHA Region 5.

Safety is my top priority, and that includes addressing the risks associated with the reuse of hazardous materials packaging. The Department, along with its state and federal partners, will continue to evaluate additional steps to ensure the safe transportation and packaging of hazardous materials in the United States. I appreciate your interest in these important safety issues.

I have sent a similar letter to Congresswoman Moore. If I can provide further information or assistance, please feel free to call me.

Sincerely,



Howard W. McMillan  
Acting Deputy Administrator