



U.S. Department of Justice

Office of Legislative Affairs

Office of the Assistant Attorney General

Washington, D.C. 20530

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The Honorable Tammy Baldwin
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Baldwin:

This responds to your letter to the Attorney General dated February 14, 2017, regarding the status of a possible investigation of the handling of chemical and hazardous waste by Greif, Inc., including at Mid-American Steel Drum Company, Inc. sites in Milwaukee and Oak Creek, Wisconsin.

To protect the integrity of the investigative process, we can neither confirm nor deny the existence of criminal investigations, nor can we discuss the status of any matter that may be pending. We can assure you that the Department of Justice takes all allegations of criminal conduct very seriously and carefully reviews any investigative evidence presented to support any such allegations in light of the *Principles of Federal Prosecution*.

We hope this information is helpful. Please do not hesitate to contact this office if we may provide additional assistance regarding this or any other matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Samuel R. Ramer".

Samuel R. Ramer

Acting Assistant Attorney General