



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION III
1650 Arch Street
Pennsylvania 19103-2029**

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PJ Dempsey, President
Dempsey Uniform & Linen Supply, Inc.
1200 Mid Valley Drive
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Dear Mr. Dempsey:

Thank you for Dempsey Uniform & Linen Supply's commitment to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Mid-Atlantic Region, Sustainability Partnership initiative. The partnership agreement signed on November 29, 2010 began your organization's involvement with EPA to voluntarily reduce energy, water use, and greenhouse gas emissions, as well as to optimize materials management, conserve resources, and prevent pollution by implementing cost effective environmental and business practices.

David Iacono, Peter Piergiovanni, and I appreciate the opportunity to visit your facility on January 24. We commend the many visionary efforts that are already underway to transform the environmental footprint of your organization and community. Commercial businesses like Dempsey are vital members of EPA's Sustainability Partnership because they can reduce the impacts of their own operations, their vendors and suppliers, and potentially their industry as a whole. Your willingness to support an industry-wide sustainability benchmark and accreditation program through the Textile Rental Services Association of America further demonstrates Dempsey's leadership position.

Our inclosed comments provide feedback and additional ideas for consideration; share some best practices from EPA, and ask some questions that may deepen the breadth of our partnership. We look forward to the next significant step of creating a sustainability action plan including timelines. We understand that Dempsey has prepared a previous sustainability plan that we would appreciate reviewing. If possible, please share a copy with us in the near future.

Ultimately, our goal is to strengthen our ongoing collaborative relationship with Dempsey and allow the fruits of that relationship to be a resource for other EPA sustainability partners. We look forward to further discuss our comments and developing an action plan by the end of March.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom O'Donnell".

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