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Mr. Ron Curry
Regional Administrator
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Dallas, Texas 75202

RE: San Jacinto River Waste Pits, Harris County, Texas, EPA Region 6
EPA ID# TXN000606611, Site ID: 0606611

Dear Administrator Curry:

We would like to meet with you at your earliest convenience to discuss critical matters involving the San Jacinto River Superfund Site.

As you know the Time Critical Removal Action for the Site included the placement of a rock cover to slow down the flood of dioxin that was entering the San Jacinto River. In July of 2012 the EPA was notified of a failure in that cover. A cap is now included as the central feature in the Draft Feasibility Study which suggests that most of the dioxin be left in place. You may recall that when you visited the Site on February 26th you inquired about whether the clean-up of this Site should require the removal of the dioxin laden waste from the hazards posed by the River. Harris County's position is that leaving this much dioxin in the River was not acceptable then and is not acceptable now.

The level of clean-up being proposed by the Responsible Parties causes great concern. The Draft Feasibility Study advocates that a standard for recreational fishing be used which would permit a level of contamination that is many times higher than would be protective of public health. These are but two of the issues that Harris County has regarding the future plans for the Site and its eventual remediation. Harris County has asked the EPA for additional time to respond to the proposed Draft Feasibility Study and will be preparing additional, more specific and technical comments to that document.

Because of these very important issues raised by the Draft Feasibility Study, Harris County respectfully requests an opportunity to meet with you and your staff to discuss the path forward with respect to the clean-up of this important Site.

Very truly yours,

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