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January 25, 2013

Mr. Vince Ryan
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Re: San Jacinto River Waste Pits Superfund Site

Dear Mr. Ryan:

Thank you for your letter dated January 11, 2013, to Suzanne Murray regarding evidence of the continued harvesting and consumption of seafood from the area around the San Jacinto Waste Pits site. As the Superfund Branch Chief, Suzanne has asked me to respond to your letter. We have consulted with our clients and the Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") certainly has no objection to additional measures being taken in order to increase public awareness regarding the hazards of consuming seafood from the vicinity of the site. In particular, the EPA has no objection to the draft action items for public outreach and awareness attached to your letter. The EPA encourages Harris County to continue to work with all the stakeholders to find effective ways to conduct outreach activities.

We appreciate Harris County's ongoing involvement in the site remediation process. Please do not hesitate to contact me or Ms. Phillips with any additional concerns regarding the site.

Sincerely,

Mark Peycke, Chief
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Office of Regional Counsel

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