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Sent: Mon 6/5/2017 5:40:45 AM
Subject: Leaner Leviathan

Dear Alexis:

Our team met and discussed what the next steps might look like. Like you, we are less concerned with the exact process (Lean or Lean Six Sigma) as we are with finding a successful path forward. At our Sugar Creek site, the Lean process there began by agreeing on objectives and then creating a streamlined path to accomplish those objectives. That process has allowed USEPA and our team to prioritize and focus work based on those objectives.

We are open to other thoughts, but our suggestion is that we bring together the decision-makers for the project in San Francisco for a day with the goal of laying out what a streamlined process would look like and then applying that process to the Leviathan project. The ultimate goal would be to progress the site more effectively toward a CERCLA protective remedy.

For your idea of looking for some fresh thinking on groundwater remediation strategies, our suggestion is that we would set aside a separate day where we could bring in some of our technical experts to meet with USEPA subject matter experts to share ideas on new approaches to groundwater remediation and then think through whether there are sites within Region 9 where these approaches might be pilot tested.

If your team agrees with these two approaches, we would be happy to work with you to identify a schedule for these two meetings and put together the right team for both.

We very much appreciate the opportunity to have these kinds of meaningful and positive conversations and look forward to seeing your team soon in San Francisco.

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Dear Bob,

Superfund Director Enrique Manzanilla, his deputy John Lyons, and I spoke today of your interest in a leaner approach to Leviathan, and possibly groundwater remediation at various sites. We'd be interested in exploring this with you. While we are invested in the formal Lean Six Sigma training as a Regional office, let's take whatever process works and see where it leads. Please suggest next steps.

With thanks,

Alexis

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Alexis:

Thank you again for sharing Laura Ebbert and her tribal expertise with us. I can't say enough about how valuable we thought her very practical tutorial and guidance was regarding our upcoming Walker River Tribe meeting. She is a gifted teacher and coach.

She and I spoke briefly about the shadowing opportunity you and I discussed and we look forward to welcoming her to campus when she is ready.

Also – we would very much welcome the opportunity to pick up on our conversation at the ECOS conference regarding introducing LEAN principles at Leviathan and brainstorming new approaches to groundwater remediation at our sites in Region 9. Let me know what would be an appropriate next step on both of these items.

Again, thank you so much for your assistance and for Laura's expertise.

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