Joseph Wildcat, Sr.
PRESIDENT

September 13, 2017

Mr. Robert Kaplan, EPA

Subject: Haskell Lake LUST Site Pilot Study Status

I am encouraged by EPA's commitment for steps toward addressing the highly contaminated source area at the Haskell lake Contamination site.

During our August 28 2017 call, a pilot study for Excavation and Air Sparge evaluation was offered. Through our call on August 28 2017and the follow-up pilot status update call on August 31 2017, we understood that a Scope of Work would be provided to the Tribe by September 6 or 7. Accordingly, time was reserved with the full Tribal Council on September 11 to present the source area plans. However, on September 8 2017 we heard from Mr. Harris that new date for sharing the scope of work was delayed until the week of September 18 2017. During the September 11 meeting we were only able to provide that plans were expected and are now delayed resulting in another Tribal Council meeting.

The next available meeting to present pilot study plans to Tribal Council for review and approval is September 25, 2017. Only after Tribal Staff and Contractor Review and comment, the materials will then be presented to Tribal Council, where action can be made on the pilot study work. Communication will remain through my office. Please continue to send me all correspondence and updates on the Haskell Lake site as well as all activities on LUST sites within reservation boundaries. Also, please cc my administrative assistant Beverly Labarge on all correspondence.

We know that EPA has established a shortened timeframe to execute this pilot study and are working within our system to accommodate our mutual goal of timely site assessment and cleanup.

Sincerely,

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