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Dear President Wildcat:

I am providing an update on the Haskell Lake Tower Standard Project as our team continues to move forward on the Pilot Test activities at the Site.

We appreciate LDF's and Weston's comments on the draft Pilot Test plan and we are considering them. We anticipate sending you EPA's response to comments shortly. As a result of your comments, EPA plans to move the excavation area to the east and south of where the building footprint was located to avoid the foundation and well.

We understand that your preference was to locate the Pilot Test within the contaminated area. While we have considered this request, we will not conduct the Pilot Test in the contaminated zone because of the high cost, technical complications, and risks of precipitating a release of contaminants should work take place within the contaminated area. The new proposed location for the test excavation is in an uncontaminated area that is distinct from the plume, has expected similar soil types, is separated from the AS/SVE pilot location, provides space for heavy equipment movement and the staging of soils for backfilling and assessing drainage of water from the soils, affords appropriate means of managing water in a manner consistent with applicable requirements, and would not require restoration of asphalt or concrete. We believe that these qualities address many of the same characteristics as those the Tribe views as being desirable as well.

Although we are still working on additional contracting details, we expect to have the Pilot Test plan finalized by the end of the week. By then we should also know if EPA has obtained access from the Sundbergs. As stated in our October 6th letter, if EPA does not obtain access to the Sundbergs' property by October 13, 2017, we will not be able to proceed with the Pilot Test.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you.

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