Dear Mr. Ryan

The purpose of this letter is to respond to your concerns regarding the effectiveness of our oversight of PRP's for the San Jacinto River Waste Pits Superfund Site. You wrote us on September 17, 2015 to detail a number of specific concerns and requested a meeting to discuss this and other matters regarding the site. A meeting with Scott Sherman, _____ , ___ and _____ was held on December 7, 2015 to discuss the site; however, there was insufficient time to discuss the September 17, 2015 concerns at that meeting. Therefore, a summary our response to each of the issues is attached to this letter.

We believe that EPA's oversight of the PRP's is effective and ensures that a protective remedy will be selected and implemented. A recent example of effective oversight is the action that EPA took to compel PRP's to repair of a damaged area of the cap. The problem area was discovered by EPA's dive team on December 10, 2015 and the PRP's completed repairs before the end of December under an EPA Order. Laboratory results from the sampling that accompanied the repair will be available for review in February 2016 to provide information regarding the extent that contaminants were released.

We appreciate the assistance provided by Harris County in cleaning up the San Jacinto Site and look forward to continuing this relationship.

Sincerely

Carl E.

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