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SUBJECT: Reply to Ms. Johnson's Letter to Ms. Saginaw

Ms. Lisa Price, Remedial Project Manager U.S. EPA, Region 6 1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 1200 Dallas, TX 75202-2733

Dear Ms. Price:

The Army remains opposed to allowing Uncertain Audubon Society (UAS) representatives to attend the monthly project manager's meetings. In accordance with the Federal Facility Agreement for the Longhorn Army Ammunition Plant, these meetings are required solely for the project managers to review and discuss the progress of work being performed at the site.

Technical Review Committee (TRC) meetings have been held quarterly since 1992. These meetings address the entire plant's cleanup progress and plans, and afford concerned citizens an opportunity to participate in the ongoing cleanup process. UAS representatives have participated in the TRC meetings for nearly a year. However, there was no public involvement in the latest TRC held in September.

The Army never committed to allowing UAS to attend the project manager's meetings. Plant officials did inform UAS representatives that we would check into the matter. Later we informed UAS that they would not be permitted to attend the project manager's meetings, and we would consider holding "impromptu meetings" to facilitate increased communication between the installation and the UAS, as the Technical Assistance Grant recipient, regarding the restoration process.

Plant officials did share information with the UAS regarding migration of trichloroethene from landfill 16 to Harrison Bayou weeks prior to receiving laboratory validation. This was accomplished in an effort to allow UAS an opportunity to comment and better prepare UAS for anticipated public comments. Unfortunately, information was released to the media and printed one day prior to the official public notice.

While we advocate informing the public on recent developments and decisions, we believe UAS's role should be advisory only.

Sincerely,

James McPherson

Commander's Representative