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**AREA COMPLETION PROJECTS**

Dear Mr. Hennessey:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed SRS Responses to EPA Comments on the 2019 Annual Comprehensive TNX Area Groundwater Monitoring and Remedial Action Effectiveness Interim Report (SEMS #21, 29), Revision 0, dated June 2020.

It was previously agreed to by all FFA signatories that a DOE-SRS proposed 2019/2020 meeting after 3 consecutive years to discuss data gaps, analytical methods (1,4 dioxane), elevated TCE and remedy efficacy along with general site path forward would be scheduled. Instead, this report recommends another 3 year period of evaluation prior to suggested discussions in reference to above noted concerns. As stated previously, EPA agrees to the recommended additional 3 years of evaluation and future discussions with the understanding that EPA reserves the option to open future discussions if the TCE values continue to be consistently elevated and are of concern and TCE levels remain above MCL and plume migration is towards an area without MW coverage.

EPA requests that the 2020 Annual Comprehensive TNX Area Groundwater Monitoring and Remedial Action Effectiveness Interim Report include a discussion of noted inconsistencies in addition to averages as requested in the EPA Comment #4 for additional clarity and completeness. This is of importance since as discussed the groundwater plume continues to migrate towards an area without monitor well coverage and levels remain above MCLs.

EPA provides conditional approval of the above mentioned report with the understanding that inconsistencies will be discussed in future reporting efforts as requested above. If you have any questions, please contact me at (404) 229 -9500.

Sincerely,

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