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Governor Gretchen Whitmer
George W. Romney Building
111 South Capitol Avenue
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Dear Governor Whitmer:

Thank you for your letter dated September 22, 2020 regarding applicable cleanup standards for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) at the former Wurtsmith Air Force Base near Oscoda, Michigan (Wurtsmith). We share your commitment to protecting human health and the environment.

The Department of the Air Force is carefully reviewing the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy's (EGLE) letter dated September 18, 2020, in which EGLE identifies state standards that it regards as applicable or relevant and appropriate requirements (ARARs) for remedial actions. As the cleanup process proceeds through the investigation and remedy selection phases of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), we will continue working with EGLE staff to evaluate potential ARARs for the interim and final remedial actions for Wurtsmith.

The Department of the Air Force remains committed to working closely with stakeholders on PFOS/PFOA actions in a meaningful and transparent way. We appreciate your continued support for the men and women of the United States Department of the Air Force.

Sincerely,


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(Installations, Environment and Energy)