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Dear Mr. Termaath:

SUBJECT: Extension to Response Regarding Dispute Resolution Concerning the Former Wurtsmith United States Air Force Base and Response to Impacts to Drinking Water from Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances; Site ID No. 35000058

This letter is in reply to the United States Air Force's (USAF) February 27, 2018, letter requesting an extension for discussion of this dispute resolution issue, currently under Section IV.A.2 of the Defense and State Memorandum of Agreement. The USAF has requested an extension until March 16, 2018, to reply to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) and has also proposed that a face-to-face dispute resolution meeting be scheduled for a mutually agreeable date.

The MDEQ agrees to provide USAF an extension until March 16, 2018, in which to provide a response to the MDEQ letter dated February 8, 2018. The MDEQ also agrees to schedule a dispute resolution meeting for the week of March 26, 2018. The MDEQ proposes the following date, time, and location for that meeting:

March 28 1:00 PM (EST)
Constitution Hall, 525 West Allegan Street, Lansing, Michigan 48933

The MDEQ letter dated February 8, 2018, required the USAF to submit the following to the MDEQ within a specific time frame:

1. A work plan with a proposed schedule for the investigation of conditions on the east side of Van Etten Lake and Van Etten Creek including priority areas identified in the February 8, 2018 letter. Submittal no later than forty-five (45) days after receipt of the February 8, 2018 letter.
2. A monitoring plan for the evaluation of the three existing groundwater extraction systems, including a schedule for implementation. Submittal no later than March 1, 2018.
3. Results of the evaluation MDEQ required the USAF to conduct of the feasibility of expanding the groundwater extraction systems or adding more groundwater

extraction systems to adequately intercept the PFAS plumes. Submittal no later than forty-five (45) days after receipt of the February 8, 2018 letter.

4. A work plan to investigate and address the impact from releases of PFAS to surface water and biota in lakes, marshes, creeks, and rivers in the area surrounding the base. Work plan is to include a schedule for installation of proposed wells that are near the groundwater-surface water interface (GSI) or push point samplers at the GSI. Submittal within ninety (90) days of receipt of the February 8, 2018 letter.

By extending the USAF timeline for response to the MDEQ February 8, 2018 letter, the MDEQ also extends the submittal date for #2 above, to March 22, 2018. All other submittal dates shall remain in effect from receipt of the February 8, 2018 letter.

The MDEQ looks forward to continuing discussions on the issues of concern and to receiving your response. Please contact Mr. Robert Delaney, Superfund Section, Remediation and Redevelopment Division at 517-284-5085; delaneyr@michigan.gov; or MDEQ, P.O. Box 30426, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7926, to confirm the date and time of our next meeting.

Sincerely,



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