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Mr. Mike Neller Director, Remediation and Redevelopment Division 525 West Allegan Street P.O. Box 30473 Lansing, MI 48909-7973

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

Dear Mr. Neller:

We are in receipt of your letter dated July 16, 2020 regarding the subject dispute. We appreciate the concurrence on the resolution you provided for each of the seven issues and look forward to continuing our work with EGLE on the Wurtsmith remediation.

We offer the following clarification on Issue #1. Your letter states: "The USAF continues to monitor the drinking water wells located on the west side of Van Etten Lake on a quarterly basis and will continue to provide results to EGLE for review." Please note that in the USAF's June 28, 2019 Summary, paragraph 2 third sentence states: The Air Force agreed to monitor the drinking water wells located on the west side of Van Etten Lake on a quarterly basis through the remainder of calendar year 2019 and will continue to provide the sampling results to EGLE for review. The Air Force stopped sampling wells on the west side of Van Etten Lake this past February 2020 after five years of quarterly sample results that showed levels well below the EPA lifetime health advisory and no significant increasing trend in the results. Thus, we believe continued monitoring is not required by the agreement.

Our program will continue to provide the timelines and milestones for remediation work at Wurtsmith to the best detail possible. The current remedial investigation (RI) schedule was provided at the July 2020 restoration advisory board (RAB) meeting. Per our conversation on 21 August 2020, that information meets the requirement for a timeline by 30 September 2020. The award of the RI contract in July allowed development of timelines for the RI as well as interim remedial actions. Progress in the RI will allow further development of timeframes for the overall actions necessary to address PFAS. We will share any schedule updates with EGLE and the RAB members in October 2020.

The schedules for the RI and interim remedial actions are as follows.

RI contract award: July 2020

RI Quality Assurance Plan and Conceptual Site Model: 1st quarter 2021

Start of RI fieldwork: 2nd quarter 2021

Target completion of RI report: 3rd quarter 2022

Interim Remedial Actions (Fire training area/Clark's Marsh and Air Force Beach area)

Start of designs: 4th quarter 2020 Start of installation: 2nd quarter 2021 Complete installation: 1st quarter 2022

Thank you for your efforts to resolve the dispute. Please let me know if you have any questions or require additional information. I can be reached at 210-383-9825.

Sincerely,

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