

Questions from RAB/community to EPA, June 18, 2015:

1) Where do we stand right now?

On October 31, 2014, EPA issued a decision on the cleanup and that further questions should be directed to the Army. On June 22, 2015, the Army requested OMB's assistance in resolving two policy issues associated with the cleanup. The Army materials submitted to OMB raised concerns regarding the Administrator's decision on perchlorate cleanup levels and stipulated penalties.

2) What if the Army never complies?

EPA expects the Army to revise the three Record of Decisions (RODs) to incorporate the Administrator's October 2014 cleanup decision, as they are required to do under the Federal Facility Agreement (FFA).

3) Is the dispute the same for each of those sites (referring to other Longhorn sites not in the formal dispute but are stalled at the ROD stage)?

The groundwater and land use controls issues are similar, and once Army implements the Administrator's decision, these other Longhorn sites will move forward.

4) Is it possible that these other sites (referring to Longhorn sites in Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study) will get to that point and all work will stop?

EPA expects the Army to implement the Administrator's decision and continue in the same manner for the other Longhorn sites.

5) Is this dispute specific to Longhorn or does it affect other sites?

This dispute is specific to Longhorn.

6) The dispute has been going on a long time, has the EPA given the Army a time limit on when they need to respond and get the matter resolved?

The FFA required the Army to revise the three RODs within 21 days after the Administrator issued her cleanup decision on October 31, 2014. To date, the Army has not revised the three RODs. It has been, and remains, EPA's position that the Army is required to revise the RODs as required under the FFA.