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The Honorable Gina McCarthy
Administrator
United States Environmental Protection Agency
Office of the Administrator 1101A
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Ms. McCarthy:

I have been asked to respond on behalf of Secretary of the Army John M. McHugh to your October 31, 2014 decision letter concerning resolution of a dispute between the Department of the Army and the Environmental Protection Agency regarding the cleanup of the Longhorn Army Ammunition Plant in Karnack, Texas.

The Army does not agree with this decision and continues to assert that it contains numerous inaccurate statements of fact, is contrary to the law, and is contrary to well established Federal policy. Due to the significant fiscal and policy concerns involved and consistent with Section XXVII of the Federal Facility Agreement, the Army intends to elevate these issues to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) pursuant to Executive Order 12580. Until the fundamental issues raised by the Administrator's decision are addressed at OMB, the Army is moving forward with those aspects of the response action that are not in dispute and will continue to maintain the response actions that are currently in place in order to ensure protection of human health and the environment.

The Army will draft a submission to OMB, and intends to continue working with you to facilitate resolution of these significant issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in green ink, appearing to read "KH", is written over a horizontal line.

Katherine Hammack