UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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August 24, 2018

Ms. E. Gayle Macolly Harris
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Re: Baseline Ecological Risk Assessment (BERA)
and BERA Addendum

EPA CERLA ID # ALD000400123
EPA RCRA ID # ALD004019048

Dear Ms. Harris:

The purpose of this letter is to approve the Operable Unit 4 (OU4) Baseline Ecological Risk Assessment (BERA) dated October 2016 and to provide you with an electronic copy of the final BERA Addendum prepared by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency dated August 2018. In accordance with the revised schedule dated August 26, 2015, the Draft Remedial Investigation Report should be submitted within sixty (60) days following approval of the Preliminary Site Characterization Summary Report, the OU-4 Human Health Risk Assessment, and the BERA.

Your request to extend the schedule for submission of the Draft Remedial Investigation Report to include an additional sixty (60) days, needs to be discussed with the Technical Special Master for the Northern District Court of Alabama, Tom Dahl. The EPA would be more inclined to approve the requested extension if other activities in the schedule can be shortened. It would also seem prudent, in the future, to work on the portions of documents that you have received comments on, such as the Preliminary Site Characterizations Report, prior to receiving comments on the BERA if it helps you meet the agreed upon schedule. The EPA has targeted signature of a Record of Decision on OU4 before the end of September 2020.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (404) 562-8935.

Sincerely,

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