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State of Louisiana
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

January 22, 2015

The Honorable Gina McCarthy
Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Ave, N.W.
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator McCarthy:

First and foremost, I write to express my continued dissatisfaction with how the EPA Region 6 is handling its responsibilities in the disposal of munitions at Camp Minden. On January 16, 2015, I asked that you intervene to ensure the safe disposal of munitions at Camp Minden and requested a conference call for this week to discuss the very important matter. I am disheartened that I have yet to hear from you.

As you may know, the U.S. Army has agreed to meet with agency officials from the State of Louisiana next week regarding the disposal of M6 at Camp Minden. The purpose of this meeting, which the Army has indicated is contingent on the EPA's participation and the specific attendance of the EPA's Dr. Brian Gullett, is to allow the federal government to demonstrate why it chose the open burn tray method for disposal of munitions at Camp Minden.

We urge you to confirm EPA's participation as outlined above by close of business January 23, 2015.

Separately, I request that the EPA make available to the State all data and information at its disposal regarding the open burn tray method by January 28, 2015. This data and information includes, but is not limited to:

- Sites in the U.S. where open burn tray disposal has/is being used and for what purposes
- Historical open burning air emission factor studies and data
- Relevant toxicological data for constituents of concern in the material
- Historical human health/environment risk assessment data relating to open burning of propellants
- Open burning of propellants air dispersion modeling studies and associated data

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Because the EPA has been unable to provide this information and articulate the basis of decision to the public, the State of Louisiana demands the opportunity to review this information in its entirety.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peggy M. Hatch". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, circular flourish at the beginning.

Peggy M. Hatch
Secretary, Louisiana Department of
Environmental Quality

c: U.S. Senator David Vitter
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