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Senator Cecile Bledsoe, Co-Chairperson
Representative Jeff Wardlaw, Co-Chairperson
Arkansas Legislative Council
State Capitol Building
Little Rock, AR 72201

RE: Quarterly Status Report (First Quarter of SFY 2021) on Hazardous Waste Removal Activities at the Trafalgar Road Site in Bella Vista, Arkansas

Dear Co-Chairs:

Pursuant to Section 2 of Act 345 of 2019, the Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment, Division of Environmental Quality (DEQ) respectfully submits the following status report on efforts made to address the conditions at the Trafalgar Road site in Bella Vista, Arkansas.

The Bella Vista Property Owners Association (BVPOA) agreed to take ownership over extinguishing the fire and site restoration. In the Fourth Quarter of SFY 2019, BVPOA contractors completed the fire suppression and they are currently working on stabilizing the site.

DEQ contractors previously initiated work in the Third Quarter of SFY 2019. There were no expenses in the First Quarter of SFY 2021. The total estimated to be expended is still \$1,336,800.

DEQ will continue to pay any necessary expenses from the Hazardous Substance Remedial Action Trust Fund. DEQ will not require a loan from the Budget Stabilization Trust Fund to pay for expenses related to the Site.

Since the BVPOA has responded to the incident, DEQ expenses related to the fire suppression have ceased. Surface water sampling by DEQ's representatives ended August 7, 2020, with final invoices yet to be received. As of this date, removal efforts are completed. Water monitoring and restoration by the BVPOA is still underway. The data derived during water monitoring will ultimately determine when this project is completed.

Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 8-7-501 *et seq.*, DEQ is investigating potentially responsible parties (PRPs) who could be liable to the state for cost of the remedial or removal actions referenced above. DEQ continues to collect evidence to establish the degree of liability for each PRP. DEQ will seek cost recovery against responsible parties when the investigation is complete and there is a final accounting of all expenses incurred by the State of Arkansas.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jarrod Zweifel', is positioned below the word 'Sincerely,'.

Jarrod Zweifel, PG
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