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Owen W. Monconduit
Brigadier General (Ret)
Louisiana Military Department
Deputy Director, Contracting & Purchasing
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New Orleans, LA 70117

Dear Brigadier General (Ret) Monconduit,

On April 14, 2015, the Louisiana Military Department submitted to EPA its proposed contractor and the associated technology to destroy the M6 propellant and Clean Burning Igniter at Camp Minden. We reviewed the Louisiana Military Department's proposal for on-site destruction of the Camp Minden material using a contained burn system, and we believe this proposal is consistent with the EPA Action Memorandum issued on March 18, 2015. The Louisiana Military Department submitted its proposal in accordance with Section VII, at Paragraph 11 of the Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent for Removal Action (AOC).

Settling Respondent shall retain one or more contractors to perform the Work and shall notify EPA of the names and qualifications of such contractors within 90 days after the Effective Date. Settling Respondent shall also notify EPA of the names and qualifications of any other contractors or subcontractor retained to perform Work at least 7 days prior to commencement of such Work. EPA retains the right to disapprove of any or all of the contractors and/or subcontractors retained by Settling Respondent. If EPA disapproves of a selected contractor, Settling Respondent shall retain a different contractor and shall notify EPA of that contractor's name and qualifications within 14 days after EPA's disapproval.

EPA has reviewed Louisiana Military Department's proposal and will not exercise its right to disapprove any or all contractors and/or subcontractors.

On January 15, 2015, EPA issued a 90 day extension to the deadlines in the AOC to allow the Louisiana Military Department and Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality time to assess alternative destruction technologies. The AOC provides under Section VIII, Paragraph 17: *within 120 days after the effective date, the Settling Respondent shall submit to EPA for approval a draft work plan for performing the removal action.* Based on the extension and added contracting solicitations by LMD, the draft work plan should be submitted within 30 days of the date of the notice to proceed to the contractor or contract award whichever is earlier. We have attached comments for the Louisiana Military Department to address as part of their work plan submission.

We look forward to working with the State of Louisiana to complete the on-site destruction of material at Camp Minden. If you have questions concerning the attached technical comments, please contact Greg Fife at (214) 665-6773.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'C. Edlund', written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

Carl E. Edlund, P.E.
Director
Superfund Division

Enclosure

cc: LDEQ