

April 30, 2024

Micole Gonzales-St. John, M.S. Environmental Manager Republic Services 3277 County Road 69 Robstown, Texas 78380

RE: The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 6 Extension of Current Approval of Republic Services to Operate as a Commercial Storage Facility for Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs) at its Facility Located in Robstown, Nueces County, Texas; EPA ID TXD069452340

Dear Ms. St. John:

The EPA published a proposed approval in February 2024 for reauthorization of the storage of PCBs for disposal and new authorizations for additional storage under requirements of 40 CFR 761.65 (Storage for Disposal) at the Republic Services facility located in Robstown, Texas. The public comment period for the proposed approval ended on April 27, 2024. The EPA received public hearing requests from two (2) concerned citizens. After review of the requests, the EPA has determined that conducting a public hearing will facilitate both verbal and written comments.

To ensure sufficient opportunity for public comment on EPA's proposed decision, the EPA is extending your current approval for the operation of storage of PCB wastes until August 31, 2024, pursuant to regulations promulgated under section 6(e) of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) and codified in 40 CFR Parts 750 and 761. The EPA finds that extending your current approval for operation of the commercial storage facility until August 31, 2024, does not present an unreasonable risk of injury to health or the environment.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Harry Shah at (214) 665-6457 or <u>shah@harry@epa.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

X Melissa Smith

Melissa Smith Acting Director

cc: Charly Fritz, TCEQ