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> Re: In re: Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson Hazardous Waste Management Facility Permit United States Department of the Air Force, 673d Air Base Wing

Appeal Number: RCRA 23-01 Permit Number: AK8570028649

## Transmitted via email

Dear Parties:

The Environmental Appeals Board ("Board") invites you to consider participating in the Board's Alternative Dispute Resolution ("ADR") program. This program is designed to assist parties in

resolving disputes before the Board. Participation is completely voluntary. Please refer to the enclosed Information Sheet for more information on the Board's ADR program.

To participate in the Board's ADR program, all parties must agree to participate. For this reason, the Board encourages representatives of the parties to consult regarding participation in the ADR program. As stated in the enclosed Information Sheet, if all parties agree to participate in the Board's ADR program, the Board will issue an order staying this matter for a limited time. As part of the ADR process, the parties will be required to submit confidential brief written summaries of the disputed issues. These summaries are not shared with the other parties. In limited circumstances, the Board may determine that use of the ADR program is not appropriate.

It is important to note that this letter does not extend any existing deadlines for submissions to the Board. The Board will issue an order staying the matter for ADR only if all parties agree to participate in the ADR program.

To indicate your interest in participating in the Board's ADR program, please file a notice with the Board no later than **November 16, 2023**. A joint notification of all parties' interest in participating in this program is preferred. If the Board does not receive notification of interest in participating in the ADR program from all parties, either jointly or individually, by **November 16, 2023**, the matter will proceed without ADR.

Sincerely,

Emilio Cortes Clerk of the Board

Enclosure: EAB ADR Program Information Sheet