



VIA EMAIL

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Subject: Badger Army Ammunition Plant – Baraboo, Wisconsin
BRRTS #02-57-001002

Dear Mr. Lynch:

Thank you for meeting with us on September 17, 2019 to discuss the Alternative Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (Alt RI/FS) for the Badger Army Ammunition Plant in Baraboo, Wisconsin. We understand that you plan on formally submitting this document in the near future. We understand that the Alt RI/FS will present multiple potential remedial options for each of the three major plumes at the site and that the Proposed Plan will be submitted several months later and select at least one of the proposed options for each plume.

In addition to the public comment and meeting already planned following submittal of the Proposed Plan, we hereby request that you also request and respond to public comments on the Alt RI/FS. We ask that you have at least a 30-day comment period that is advertised in a local paper and also advertised to the Remedial Advisory Board (RAB) and host a public meeting after your submittal to discuss the Alt RI/FS. The public comment period, response, and public meeting are requested per Wis. Admin. § NR 714.07(3)(a), (h), and (j). The Wisconsin DNR would like to be copied on public comments and responses, and to be able to participate in the public meeting.

Secondly, we also understand that you sampled soil, sediment, surface water, and groundwater from various locations at the site for per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) during summer 2018. While the results of the sampling were summarized in an Excel Spreadsheet and also at the November 2018 RAB meeting, we have still not received the official report summarizing that sampling effort. Please submit this report in conjunction with or as a supplement to your Alt RI/FS, and before the public comment period and meeting begins. The information regarding the PFAS sampling is an important component of the overall investigative history. If you believe that the PFAS contamination originated from off-site, you should indicate why the Army is exempt from liability for the contamination per Wis. Stat. § 292.13.

Please feel free to call Jason Lowery at (608) 267-7570 to discuss this request.

Sincerely,

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