



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 6
1201 ELM STREET, SUITE 500
DALLAS, TEXAS 75270

REQUEST FOR ACCESS

November 11, 2019

Mr. David L. Fuentes
Hidalgo County Commissioner Precinct I
Road and Bridge Department
1902 Joe Stephens Avenue, Suite 101
Weslaco, Texas 78596

Re: Access Authorization in and around the Donna Reservoir and Canal System Superfund Site (EPA ID No. TX0000605363) in Hidalgo County, Texas, pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. § 9601 et seq., as amended. County Road 1822 and Vertrees Road south of Donna, Texas.

Dear Mr. Fuentes:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) plans to remediate contaminated materials associated with the Donna Reservoir and Canal Superfund Site ("Site") in Hidalgo County, Texas. The canals and reservoirs contain sediment and fish with elevated concentrations of polychlorinated biphenyls. Pursuant to the EPA's mandate to protect human health and the environment, the EPA is requesting your consent to access property and improve portions of County Road 1822 and Vertrees Road in order to complete the work outlined below.

- Mobilization and site support services (e.g., field offices, dewatering pad, wastewater treatment pad and system, decontamination pads, access roads, fencing, security, etc.)
- Mechanical dredging approximately 14,900 cubic yards of contaminated sediments
- Process, transport, and disposal of sediments in offsite facility
- Treating contaminated water and discharge
- Placement of clean fill within the canal to provide stable canal slopes
- Site restoration and demobilization.

Work is planned to start Winter 2019/2020 and continue through Fall 2020. The enclosed figure identifies the main route for work and area to be remediated and a diagram for County Road 1822 and Vertrees Road improvement. Please indicate your consent to grant access to EPA to conduct the described activities by signing and dating the enclosed access authorization.

CONSENT FOR ACCESS TO PROPERTY

Entity: Hidalgo County

Physical address/Description of Property: County Road 1822 and Vertrees Road south of Donna, Texas.

I consent to officers, employees, contractors, and authorized representatives of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), including but not limited to EA Engineering, Science, and Technology, Inc., PBC and their subcontractors, entering and having continued access to the property described above for the purpose of completing sediment remediation. I understand that in order to execute the work as planned, roadway improvements will be made to portions of roads indicated.

I recognize that these actions by the EPA are undertaken in accordance with its response and enforcement authorities contained in the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. §§ 9601 *et seq.*

This written permission is given by me voluntarily with knowledge of my right to refuse and without threats or promises of any kind.

I certify that I have the authority to grant this permission.

By:

Signature

Date

Name (Print)

Telephone Number

Mailing Address

Email Address

