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VIA E-MAIL

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Re: Interaction with TRLA

Dear Veronica,

We have reached the half-way point of the environmental clean-up of the former ASARCO Smelter in El Paso, and I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for your efforts as counsel for the ex-ASARCO Workers.

Our interaction has gone through a full spectrum, having a rough beginning in 2010, slowly building trust through the past couple of years to the point of being an important part of our peer review process.

Some of the benefits of this interaction to the Trust's efforts include:

- Accessing the Ex-ASARCO Workers site experiences and knowledge to pinpoint areas of environmental concern that may have gone unnoticed otherwise.
- Providing a third party review function for our work and documents, especially since you were able to provide the expertise of Amy Johnson and Wilma Subra.
- Helping bridge an understandable initial distrust between the Ex-ASARCO Workers, the community at large and the Trust by fostering an open discussion about the site and the remediation plans.

I am looking forward to continue working with you and the Ex-ASARCO Workers as we complete the clean-up of the site.

Very truly yours,

Roberto Puga, P.G.
Trustee

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