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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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October 16, 2018

Mr. Roberto Puga, P.G.
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RE: TCEQ Acknowledgment of Receipt and Concurrence to Proceed regarding the following submittal:

- *IBWC (c/o Meridian Contracting, Inc.) Site Access and American Canal Extraction Soil Import - Update*, dated October 15, 2018
Former ASARCO Smelter site, El Paso, Texas
TCEQ SWR No. 31235; EPA ID No. TXD990757668; Customer No. CN603597782;
Regulated Entity No. RN100219021

Dear Mr. Puga:

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and the US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) acknowledges receipt of the above referenced submittal dated October 15, 2018, submitted by representatives of Arcadis U.S., Inc. on behalf of the Texas Custodial Trust (TCT) for the former ASARCO Smelter site (Site). The submittal was prepared in response to TCT's discussion with representatives of the U.S. International Boundary Water Commission (IBWC) to import an additional 10,000 cubic yards of soil from a segment of the American Canal currently being relined just south of the American Dam. The excavated soil is proposed for placement in an area between the site main pad and Boneyard and 'Welcome to Asarco' entrance area of the Site. The October 15, 2018 submittal provides analytical results of the soil obtained from the referenced segment of the American Canal for initial characterization purposes. Based on TCT's assessment the soils are representative of Category II and III material. As such, the soils must be appropriately screened and managed prior to placement on-site.

The TCEQ understands the soil will be subject to additional periodic XRF testing for constituents of concern (COC) throughout the excavation and placement process or whenever a visual change in material observed. As such, please ensure the XRF testing activities are modified to provide for supplemental confirmation laboratory analysis particularly when visual change in material is observed. *This letter provides the TCT with authorization and concurrence to proceed with the acceptance of the additional soil from the referenced segment of the American Canal on the Site, as modified herein.* The TCEQ understands the soil placement activities will be documented in a final Site project construction quality assurance report that will be included in the pending final *Soil Response Action Completion Report* for the Site.

Please be aware that it is the continuing obligation of persons associated with a site to ensure that municipal hazardous waste and industrial solid waste are managed in a manner which does not cause the discharge or imminent threat of discharge of waste into or adjacent to waters in the state, a nuisance, or the endangerment of the public health and welfare as required by 30 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §335.4.

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Sincerely,



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