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To whom it may concern:

As members of the Buffalo River Watershed Alliance (BRWA), we appreciate that Harbor Environmental has released data from the single drill hole that was bored at the C&H farm. It is our understanding that we are to provide all of our written questions to this e-mail address by Friday December 9th. One week might be enough time for ADEQ to get its questions addressed since the agency has a full time staff with expertise that can interpret the data. However, BRWA does not have that sort of expertise readily available. We have to schedule that work to be performed. Once our experts report back to us, we then conference with them to ensure we understand their interpretations. After that we will submit a list of informed questions on behalf of the public interest. We need three weeks at a minimum to accomplish this.

In addition, we expect to have questions not only about the data but about the processes used and the protocols. These will be the sorts of questions whose answers will elicit follow-on questions. We ask ADEQ to provide a public interactive question and answer session with informed Harbor representatives. Scientific experts tell us that not only is this is a perfectly reasonable request, it is typical of a process that ensures that the science itself is well vetted. We would very much appreciate this consideration.

We know that there were extensive public funds committed to this study and that ADEQ has a desire to ensure transparency. We suggest that the wrap-up of this public process should be just as transparent and accommodating to interested parties that represent the public interest.

Regards,

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