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Texas Commission on Environmental Quality  
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VIA INTERAGENCY MAIL

Re: El Paso Water Contamination from ASARCO

Dear Mr. Shankle:

I am in receipt of your letter dated November 16 with regard to ASARCO, ground water contamination, and contaminated dirt on site.

I am concerned that only 40 percent of their remediation goals are completed and, further, that all remediation will not be completed until 2010.

Specifically, I want to know what contaminants migrated to what water sources in what time frame. Please provide me a short report detailing your knowledge of water content in the region, including ground water and Rio Grande water, and provide me any backup reports that illustrate the nature, scope, and extent of such contamination.

I am concerned that TCEQ has failed the people of El Paso in protecting us from the toxic contamination of ASARCO. With each letter, I find more revelations about what TCEQ has not done. Herein below is the mission statement of TCEQ, which I wish to emphasize to all who seek to protect the people of El Paso's interests:

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality strives to protect our state's human and natural resources consistent with sustainable economic development. Our goal is clean air, clean water, and the safe management of waste.

Please respond to this letter within ten days, as proscribed by the Texas Public Information Act.



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Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eliot Shapleigh". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Eliot Shapleigh

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CC: Alan R. Batcheller, Director, Remediation Division