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## February 9, 2017

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> RE: Request for Environmental Investigation Report Extension for the Montgomery Downtown Environmental Assessment Project

## Dear Ms. Downing:

Thank you for meeting with the representatives of the Downtown Environmental Alliance (DEA) on January 20, 2017, to discuss the soil vapor sampling results for the Montgomery Downtown Environmental Assessment Project (DEAP). We appreciate ADEM's feedback on our preliminary approaches and current path forward for the project. The purpose of this letter is to confirm the extension discussed at the meeting with the DEA representatives.

It is my understanding at the meeting, the parties discussed that the second hydraulic study for the Cypress Creek area has been delayed due to drought conditions in the Montgomery area over the past several months. With the recent rainfall totals, it appears the drought appears to be coming to an end, based on the Alabama Drought Monitor. (http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/Home/StateDroughtMonitor.aspx?AL)

I have been advised CH2M began the second hydraulic study on January 31, 2017, which will continue through February 28, 2017 (i.e., a 4-week study). In order to conduct this study, assess the results of the study, and incorporate the results into the Environmental Investigation (EI) Report, the DEA will need additional time to submit the EI Report; accordingly, the DEA will submit the EI Report to ADEM on May 1, 2017.

Also, as indicated in the September 6, 2016 Request for Modifications Letter and in the January 20, 2017 meeting, CH2M is conducting the second hydraulic study using the U.S Geological Survey (USGS) Alabama River gauge (located about 0.7 mile from the Cypress Creek outlet), rather than re-installing a staff gauge in Cypress Creek.



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Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Glen Davis at 334.215.9016 or <a href="mailto:gdavis3@ch2m.com">gdavis3@ch2m.com</a>, or JP Martin at 334.215.9036 or <a href="mailto:j.p.martin@ch2m.com">j.p.martin@ch2m.com</a>.

Sincerely,

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