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Mr. Charlie Wooley
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Dear Mr. Wooley:

As we have discussed, in support of natural resource restoration efforts in the Southeast Missouri Lead Mining District, staff of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources' (MDNR) has engaged with stakeholders in the affected areas and identified opportunities to restore natural resources injured by historic mining activities.

Of the array of potential projects in the area, we have prioritized those for which the timing and nature of USEPA remedial actions allow for integration of restoration activities. Three of those projects were developed by MDNR into restoration proposals and are designed to be consistent with the restoration goals of the Southeast Missouri Ozarks Regional Restoration Plan (SEMORRP).

Enclosed for your consideration are three proposals targeting the primary restoration of natural resources injured by ASARCO's mining activities, one in Madison County and two in St. Francois County. To better integrate with the timing of USEPA remedial activities, the proposals are intended to be further developed in phased scopes of work as on-the-ground conditions dictate. Each phased proposal will be developed as a stand-alone document, in consultation with the USFWS and submitted to the Trustee Council for ranking, public outreach and other steps outlined in the SEMORRP.

Thank you for considering the enclosed proposals.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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