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Mr. Richard C. Chism
Director, Monitoring Division (MC 165)
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
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Dear Mr. Chism:

We appreciate the request for clarification about our correspondence dated October 22, 2020, in response to the Texas 2020 Annual Monitoring Network Plan (2020 Plan) for ambient air. We received a question via email about the particulate matter (PM) monitor at the Clinton site in the Houston area from Ms. Holly Landuyt, on November 24, 2020.

Regarding the PM monitor at Clinton, the TCEQ's request to reduce the frequency of sampling at the collocated quality control (QC) $PM_{2.5}$ federal reference method (FRM) monitor to 1-in-12 days is approved. Due to data from the monitor being below the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for $PM_{2.5}$, this change is consistent with federal regulations. The change in frequency will allow TCEQ to reallocate valuable resources to other areas in the monitoring network.

We look forward to our continued partnership with the TCEQ on our common goals to establish and maintain a successful monitoring network for the state of Texas. If you have any questions, please contact me at (214) 665-7593, or your staff may contact Ms. Frances Verhalen, Air Monitoring and Grants Section Chief at (214) 665-2172.

Sincerely,

X DAVID GARCIA

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