

August 27, 2018

Andrew Wheeler  
Acting Administrator  
Environmental Protection Agency  
Office of the Administrator, 1101A  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Acting Administrator Wheeler:

I write in support of the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) proposal to list the Shaffer Equipment/Arbuckle Creek site in Fayette County, West Virginia on the National Priorities List (NPL) of Superfund sites. The State of West Virginia concurred with the EPA proposal in an August 17, 2018 letter from Governor Jim Justice to EPA Region III Regional Administrator Cosmo Servidio.

It is my understanding that both the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (WVDEP) and the EPA have undertaken soil and water samples at and around the site, corroborating the need for remediation of polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) and associated contaminants. I appreciate your Agency's willingness to collaborate with state officials and the community – including through several public meetings – as part of this detailed review process pursuant to your authority under Section 105 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA; 42 USC 9605).

Prioritizing the cleanup of this site in Fayette County will provide needed safety and certainty to the residents of Minden, West Virginia, whom have been dealing with the serious challenges posed by PCB contamination in their community since the 1960s. Given the threats posed to the public health of my constituents and the surrounding environment, I encourage an expeditious conclusion of the EPA's hazard ranking score review and the addition of the Shaffer Equipment/Arbuckle Creek site to the Superfund NPL.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Shelley Moore Capito  
United States Senator