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**BY E-MAIL AND FIRST CLASS MAIL**

Jennifer Edwards Thies  
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**Re: West Van Buren WQARF Site  
Roosevelt Irrigation District Public Health Assessment and Mitigation  
Work Plan**

Dear Ms. Thies:

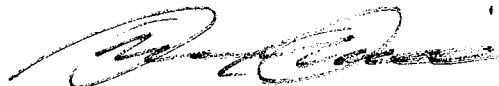
Our client Corning Incorporated joins in the comments submitted this week to ADEQ by consultants for Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement and Power District and Honeywell International Inc., respectively, regarding the Roosevelt Irrigation District Public Health Assessment and Mitigation Work Plan (“WP”) prepared by Synergy Environmental, LLC on behalf of the Roosevelt Irrigation District (“RID”).

For the reasons set forth by SRP’s and Honeywell’s consultants, it is clear that RID has no intention of completing a true risk assessment; that there is no meaningful present risk; and that RID’s proposed Early Response Action is based on a false premise. In addition, we note with concern the statement in the WP that any actual work “will be contingent upon receipt of project funding.” It appears that RID does not have “project funding,” and that it has occupied ADEQ’s limited resources for what amounts to little more than posturing for the litigation that RID has now filed and served. At a minimum, a full explanation of what RID means by “project funding” is necessary.

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Thank you for this opportunity to comment on RID's WP.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shane R. Swindle", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Shane R. Swindle

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