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The Honorable Tammy Baldwin  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Baldwin:

Thank you for your letter dated February 8, 2017 expressing your concerns regarding the drinking water system proposed for the community of Merrimac. As a follow-up to the Army's January 17, 2017 letter to you, we continue to diligently review and evaluate the issues. I can assure you that the Army will fulfill its responsibilities and take necessary actions under the authority given the Department of Defense (DoD) under the Defense Environmental Restoration Program (DERP). We anticipate providing you a more complete response by the end of March 2017.

Thank you for your continued support of our Soldiers and their Families.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Randall Robinson", is positioned above the typed name.

J. Randall Robinson  
Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army  
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