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The Honorable Tammy Baldwin
United States Senate
717 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Baldwin:

Thank you for your March 7, 2016 letter to Lieutenant General (LTG) David Halverson concerning environmental cleanup activities at the former Badger Army Ammunition Plant in Baraboo, Wisconsin. I am providing this response for LTG Halverson.

The health and safety of our Soldiers, their Families, and the surrounding community are top priorities for the Army. We have made considerable progress toward addressing environmental contamination at Badger under the Defense Environmental Restoration Program, and the Decision Document for the Site Wide Ground Water contamination is nearing completion. After a Feasibility Study concluded that there was a need for an offsite drinking water treatment system in 2011, and after the required sanitation district was approved by the Town of Merrimac on May 17, 2015, the Army could begin planning and design.

Design of the municipal drinking water system has been initiated. Remaining requirements are to finalize the design, prepare the contracting documents and the cooperative agreement with the Town of Merrimac. Once complete, the Army will seek final approval from the Merrimac Town Board. We expect this process to conclude in 2017, with construction beginning shortly thereafter and finishing in 2020.

We continue to hold our periodic Restoration Advisory Board and Public Meeting sessions. We will provide you with periodic updates as we finalize the design, publish the Environmental Assessment, and reach any other significant milestones.

I appreciate the importance of this project and your desire to ensure that construction of the municipal water system proceeds in a prompt fashion. Thank you for your inquiry and for your continued support to our Soldiers and their Families.

Sincerely,

Katherine Hammack