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Dear Mr. McKenna:

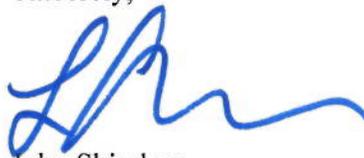
Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Environment on January 18, 2018, to testify at the hearing entitled "Modernizing the Superfund Cleanup Program."

Pursuant to the Rules of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, the hearing record remains open for ten business days to permit Members to submit additional questions for the record, which are attached. The format of your responses to these questions should be as follows: (1) the name of the Member whose question you are addressing, (2) the complete text of the question you are addressing in bold, and (3) your answer to that question in plain text.

To facilitate the printing of the hearing record, please respond to these questions with a transmittal letter by the close of business on Friday, March 2, 2018. Your responses should be mailed to Kelly Collins, Legislative Clerk, Committee on Energy and Commerce, 2125 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515 and e-mailed in Word format to Kelly.Collins@mail.house.gov.

Thank you again for your time and effort preparing and delivering testimony before the Subcommittee.

Sincerely,



John Shimkus
Chairman
Subcommittee on Environment

cc: The Honorable Paul Tonko, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Environment

Attachment

Attachment—Additional Questions for the Record

The Honorable John Shimkus

1. How can States help reduce the number of sites on the National Priorities List (NPL)?
2. How can States take more of a leadership role in addressing sites on the NPL?
3. Your written testimony noted that sites with low-level risk or sites that are in the long-term Operations and Maintenance phase could be transferred to State environmental agencies that are willing and able to oversee these sites. Why are States better positioned to take over at these sites?
4. How can EPA better utilize enforcement as a tool for getting sites cleaned up?
5. How can EPA use incentives for PRPs to get sites cleaned up?
6. Can you explain the benefit of EPA allowing parties to engage in early or interim actions?
7. What is adaptive management and do you think it would make Superfund cleanups faster and more efficient?
8. Why is it important that EPA incorporate flexibility in cleanup design and implementation?
9. Your testimony stated that “EPA should develop tools that give PRPs enough certainty so they can settle-out in ways that allow cleanup to move forward, while maintaining the government’s need for prudent reopeners.” Can you explain what you mean by that?