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Dear Dr. Porter:

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. You testified that the Superfund emergency removal program works well and gets results. How can we use the model of the removal program to improve the remedial program?
2. How can we encourage Potentially Responsible Parties (PRPs) to be more active and effective in the cleanup process?
 - a. How can we encourage PRPs to undertake early actions and to come to the table early?
3. How would setting deadlines speed up the pace of cleanups?
4. Is the current decision-making structure of the cleanup program appropriate? If not, what changes should be made?
5. Does the National Contingency Plan need to be updated and if so, what changes would you suggest?