From: José M. Álvarez <<u>XXXXXXXX@gmail.com</u>> Date: Fri, Mar 30, 2018 at 7:18 PM Subject: U.S. Customs and Border Protection Firing Range in Nogales, AZ To: <u>David.s.clark@usace.army.mil</u>

Dear Mr. Clark,

Referencing the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers proposal to "clean up" the (former) firing range in Nogales, and although unable to attend March 8,2018 hearing, my wife and I are emphatic in our concerns that the Remedial Action Plan presented resulted ineffective and/or extremely limited.

Not only is the proposed plan ignoring the great areas of potential effect. Failing to address the larger contaminated area is a myopic approach and, to some extent, offensive to the Nogales community at-large, for it attempts to disregard the correlations between lead contaminants and diseases such as lupus. The plan presented at the March 8th meeting is a deliberate attempt to mollify our concerns, but by all practical means the plan is a waste of hard-working tax payer funds.

Thus, my wife and I respectfully request that you please consider the shortcomings from that meeting, revise the current model reported at meeting and address this crucial remediation by utilizing research-based data; valuing and validating consultation practices; and considering testimony of *Nogalenses*, particularly those who reside in nearby the contaminated area and adjacent property owners.

Trusting in your integrity and professionalism as well as my Constitutional rights.

Sincerely

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