

EXHIBIT 12

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Gayla –

In response to LouAnn's letter, dated Nov. 5, pertaining to my FOIA request related to the GASP petition for preliminary assessment of Tarrant, Alabama, I have prioritized the list of EPA personnel that found potentially responsive records in EPA's initial search. I've divided the names into 3 groups and would like to proceed with the records search for the first group of folks and see where we are before proceeding with the others.

First priority:

- Heather McTeer Toney
- Ann Heard
- Allsion Wise
- Anita Davis
- Marianne Lodin
- Jennifer Wendel
- Ralph Howard

Second priority:

- Dawn Taylor
- Leif Palmer
- Don Rigger
- Randall Chaffins

Third priority:

- Dionne Delli-Gatti
- Brandi Jenkins
- Larry Lincoln
- Stephen Smith

In a previous phone conversation, I believe you indicated that once we have the priority of records custodians agreed upon, EPA will be able to go into the .pst files and narrow down by subject matter. I do think that there is significant room for narrowing on EPA's part, as the petition that is the subject of my FOIA request was only submitted to EPA about 4 months ago and deals only with a local (Birmingham) issue.

Thanks for your continued attention to this matter, and please let me know if you have any further questions.

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