

U.S. Senator Herb Kohl
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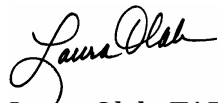
Dear Senator Kohl,

The Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) for the Badger Army Ammunition Plant recently received the attached letter from the U.S. Army informing us that the Army has unilaterally modified the RAB's request specifically by prohibiting any potential Technical Assistance for Public Participation (TAPP) consultant from expressing a professional opinion for or against a selected remedial action (Section 5.b). This restriction not only contradicts the RAB's intentions for seeking a TAPP consultant, I believe it sets a serious precedent for the national TAPP program.

As the RAB's TAPP chairperson and as a community member directly effected by environmental contamination from Badger Army Ammunition Plant, I am writing to request the Senator's assistance in determining if this decision (to prohibit a TAPP consultant from expressing a professional opinion for or against a selected environmental investigation or remedy) is consistent with the law and intent of the TAPP program. A letter to the U.S. Department of Defense and/or other appropriate Pentagon-level office is requested as I believe this action by the Army at Badger Army Ammunition Plant represents a national precedent which will negatively affect not only our community but the hundreds of other communities throughout the U.S. that rely on the TAPP program to protect public health and the environment from military toxins.

We would appreciate an interim reply indicating if the Senator is able to fulfill this request and his intentions as this is an extremely time-sensitive issue. A letter signed by members of the RAB is also attached.

Thank you.



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