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9TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
HOUSTON, TEXAS

November 23, 2016

The Honorable Gina McCarthy
Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20460

Re: Review of Drinking Water Quality and Standards

Dear Administrator McCarthy,

I am writing to request that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) investigate the quality of drinking water in my Congressional district, and elsewhere in the area, where appropriate. I am also requesting that EPA accelerate its integrated risk information system (IRIS) assessment of hexavalent chromium (chromium-6).

As you know, chromium-6 found in drinking water can pose serious public health risks. Additionally, it is my understanding that the state of Texas does not currently regulate these levels and the EPA continues to consider rulemaking specific to chromium-6.

I have attached herewith a copy of a news story recently run by KPRC Channel 2, a local news channel in Houston, that outlines drinking water concerns in Houston. I share these concerns and firmly believe that we should take prompt corrective actions when a credible threat is identified.

I appreciate your prompt attention to this matter and look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

AL GREEN
Member of Congress