

**Monthly Status Report
W. R. Grace Superfund Site
Acton, Massachusetts
October 7, 2002**

W. R. Grace (Grace) is conducting the Phase 1 Remedial Investigation at the above referenced site. This Monthly Status Report is being transmitted to keep the government parties advised of the progress and schedule of the RI activities. This report summarizes the activities completed in the past month, provides a schedule of activities planned for the coming month and describes any problems encountered. The exact date of scheduled activities may change due to resource availability and/or weather. Those interested in being kept advised of schedule changes of a particular activity are requested to contact the person listed for that activity.

Deliverables/Meeting

A meeting to discuss the Draft RI Report has been scheduled for Tuesday October 8, 2002 at 9:30 AM in GeoTrans offices in Harvard, MA.

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Private Well Survey

The pumps were removed from the private wells located at 1 Lisa Lane and 5 Bellantoni Drive in Acton on September 19, 2002. Geophysical testing was done in the two private wells on September 24 and 25, 2002. Diffusive samplers are scheduled to be installed in the two private wells during the week of October 7, 2002 and removed during the week of October 28, 2002. The water from the diffusive samplers will be analyzed for VOCs.

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OU-3 Monitoring

The annual monitoring is scheduled to begin during the week of October 14, 2002, assuming that the government parties approve the revised monitoring plan included in the Draft RI Report.

Feasibility Study

Groundwater samples of the influent to the main air stripping tower were collected on September 23, 2002. The samples will be analyzed for general chemistry and inorganics in preparation for the chemical precipitation jar testing. The jar testing is scheduled to begin at the end of October.

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Ecological Risk Assessment

The field work for the Phase 2 ecological risk assessment is continuing. On September 24, 2002, additional surface water samples were collected from Sinking Pond. An attempt was made to collect fish samples from Sinking Pond and White Pond. Bluegill sunfish were collected at White Pond and are being held frozen by Woods Hole Group Environmental Laboratory. Fish collection at Sinking Pond was unsuccessful on that date.

We plan to collect additional surface water samples in Fort Pond Brook during or immediately after a rain storm and to try to collect fish in Sinking Pond during October. [Contact: Katherine Fogarty, 978-322-2815, kafogart@menziecura.com]