

**Monthly Status Report
W. R. Grace Superfund Site
Acton, Massachusetts
September 4, 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

The Phase 1 Remedial Investigation Data Report Addendum was submitted to the government parties on August 16, 2002. The Draft Remedial Investigation Report was submitted to the government parties on August 30, 2002. A meeting will be scheduled to discuss the Draft RI Report during the week of October 7, 2002.

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Private Well Survey

We are arranging with the property owner at 1 Lisa Lane in Acton to do additional groundwater sampling and geophysical testing at their private irrigation well. We are in communication with the property owner at 5 Bellantoni Drive in Acton regarding collecting a groundwater sample for VOC analysis from their irrigation well.

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Feasibility Study

We are in the process of selecting a vendor to conduct the jar testing for the chemical precipitation testing.

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Ecological Risk Assessment

The field work for the Phase 2 ecological risk assessment began on August 12, 2002. Sampling conducted the week of August 12, 2002 included:

Collection of surface water, sediment, (for chemical analysis, toxicity testing, and bioaccumulation testing), and plants from Sinking Pond;

Collection of sediment (for chemical analysis, toxicity testing, and bioaccumulation testing) and plants from the reference pond, White Pond, in Concord;

Collection of upstream surface water and sediment samples from Fort Pond Brook for chemical analysis; and

Collection of sediment/soil (for chemical analysis, toxicity testing, and bioaccumulation testing) and plants from North Lagoon Wetland and its reference area, a wetland along the Assabet River upstream of the WR Grace site. Ms. Deborah Roberts of Metcalf & Eddy observed the sampling in North Lagoon Wetland and its reference area.

Additional sampling to occur in the Fall includes:

Fish sampling in Sinking Pond and White Pond. This work will proceed when we receive a scientific collection permit from the Massachusetts Division of Fish and Wildlife; and

Additional surface water sampling in Fort Pond Brook and Sinking Pond to evaluate possible seasonal trends in chemical constituents.

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