

Monthly Status Report
W. R. Grace Superfund Site
Acton, Massachusetts
April 7, 2004

W. R. Grace (Grace) is preparing the Draft Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study, the Baseline Ecological Risk Assessment and Public Health Risk Assessment Deliverable III for the above referenced site. This Monthly Status Report is being transmitted to keep the government parties advised of the progress and schedule of ongoing 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.

Private Wells

The three monitoring wells in the former Lisa Lane irrigation well are scheduled to be sampled in May for VOCs using passive diffusive bags as was proposed in the February 24, 2004 letter from GeoTrans to the US EPA and MADEP.[Contact: Anne Sheehan, GeoTrans, (978)-772-7557, Asheehan@geotransinc.com]

Groundwater Sampling

The 2003 annual monitoring report is being prepared and will be submitted to the government parties in April.

Seven wells in the area of former extraction well NMGP will be sampled for VOCs in April, as proposed in the November 10, 2003 letter from Remedium to the US EPA and MADEP. A letter summarizing the results of this sampling will be sent to the government parties in June.

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Public Health and Ecological Risk Assessments

On March 9th, Grace received comments from EPA on Menzie Cura's Response to Comments on PHRA Deliverable I and II dated January 14, 2004. On March 22, Grace submitted Menzie Cura's response to EPA's March 9th comments for final clarification on how to proceed with PHRA Deliverable III.

Grace also received additional comments from ACES via email on March 25 and was directed by EPA to await a final consolidated set of comments from EPA. The Acton Board of Health submitted a letter dated March 22nd to EPA regarding the PHRA.

Upon approval from EPA to proceed with PHRA Deliverable III, Menzie Cura will estimate the time required to produce this deliverable and an updated RI/FS Deliverable schedule will be generated.

On March 22nd, Menzie Cura submitted a Revised Benthic Invertebrate Evaluation for the Assabet River.

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