

September 15, 2023

Via Electronic Mail

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**RE: Monthly Progress Report for August 2023 Reporting Period
Remedial Design/Remedial Action
Lusher Street Groundwater Contamination Superfund Site, Operable Unit 1,
Elkhart, Indiana**

Dear Ms. Graveline:

The Settling Defendants (the "Lusher Site Remediation Group" or "Group") respectfully submit this monthly progress report to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), Region 5, pursuant to Section 5.1 of the Statement of Work appended to the Consent Decree in the case captioned *United States of America and the State of Indiana v. Anderson Products, et al.* (Case No. 3:15-cv-00613-JD-CAN, N.D. Indiana) for the Operable Unit 1 (OU1) Interim Remedy Remedial Design/Remedial Action at the Lusher Street Groundwater Contamination Site in Elkhart, Indiana (the Site). This progress report summarizes efforts by the Group to fulfill the requirements of the Consent Decree during the reporting period.

1. Activities Completed During This Reporting Period

- A. The Group's consultant, GHD, attempted to contact property owners to schedule vapor intrusion mitigation (VIM) activities and provided updates to the USEPA regarding the schedule for field activities consisting of design inspections, the installation of VIM systems, VIM system repairs, and inspections at properties where VIM systems have been installed.
- B. On August 15, 2023, the Group submitted the July 2023 monthly progress report to USEPA and IDEM.
- C. The week of August 28, 2023, GHD completed the following activities:
 - Completed final (or pre-final) inspections at:
 - 1637 W. Indiana
 - 1656 W. Indiana (some water found to be in extraction line, additional work required before final inspection can be completed)
 - Other residences were scheduled for inspection and visited, however, residents were not available to provide access as previously agreed upon
 - Met with property owners/tenants:
 - 1537 W. Franklin, tenant provided name of out-of-state property management company but no contact information was available
 - 1517 Navajo, met with owner and scheduled fan wiring work for Sept. 14

- 1666 W. Franklin, met with owner regarding potential installation of a system and owner stated they are undecided and needing plumbing repairs in the basement first
- 1638 W. Franklin, owner agreed to installation but could not provide an available date for the work, owner was unresponsive to follow-up calls
- 1716 W. Franklin, owner agreed to installation the week of Sept. 11.
- 1504 Krau, new owner declined to allow access for wiring of previously installed system and stated they do not want the system and declined further work.
- 1516 W. Indiana, multiple stops at the property with no answer
- 1624 El Reno, no one home at scheduled time for inspection, via telephone owner later agreed to inspection on Sept. 11.

2. Results of Sampling, Tests, and Other Data

- A. The Group received no sampling or test data during the reporting period.

3. Work Plans, Procedures, and Deliverables

- A. The Group submitted no work plans, procedures, or deliverables during the reporting period other than the VIM system designs noted above.

4. Actions Projected for the Next Six Weeks

All ongoing and future activities will be conducted in accordance with USEPA's Interim Guidance on Site Field Work Decisions Due to Impacts of COVID-19 (April 10, 2020) and ongoing coordination with USEPA.

- A. The Group will conduct additional Pre-Final/Final prove-out inspections at other properties where VIM systems have been installed provided that the property owners provide access. This activity will likely be completed during the same weeks as the installation of VIM systems at other properties or other field activities.
- B. The Group will continue VIM system installations dependent upon access to the properties, and on contractor and equipment availability, and will continue to contact property owners/tenants for access.
- C. The Group will continue discussions with the City of Elkhart regarding a city ordinance requiring installation of a VIM system in new construction within the designated VI Area of Concern for the Site.
- D. Upon USEPA approval of the pre-final inspection checklist, GHD will address the repair items identified during the September 18, 2019 pre-final inspection of the watermain installations and City water service connections. After making the necessary repairs and addressing other items, the Group will coordinate with USEPA on the final inspection and approval of this work.

5. Progress and Schedule Report

- A. Remedial action is being implemented in accordance with the schedule included with the *Remedial Action Work Plan*.
- B. City water service installations and associated private well closures have been completed at all affected properties for which access agreements were obtained. The Group submitted to

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USEPA the *Remedial Action Construction Completion Report* for this component of OU1 on April 1, 2019.

6. Proposed Modifications of Work Plans or Schedules


- A. The Group proposed no other modifications of approved work plans or schedules during the reporting period.

7. Activities Undertaken in Support of the Community Involvement Plan and Activities Projected to be Undertaken over the Next Six Weeks.

- A. No activities in support of the Community Involvement Plan were conducted during the reporting period.

Should you have any questions or require additional information please feel free to contact me at (513) 325-2732 or john.lang@ehs-support.com.

Sincerely,
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