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United States Environmental Protection Agency  
Region 5, Superfund Division  
77 West Jackson Boulevard (SR-6J)  
Chicago, Illinois 60604

Attn: Ms. Jenny Davison / Ms. Mary Logan  
Remedial Project Managers  
Superfund Division

Re: Monthly Progress Report for January 2018  
Beck's Lake NPL Site / LaSalle Park Area  
WSP USA Project No. 31401068.000

Dear Ms. Davison / Ms. Logan:

On behalf of the City of South Bend and Honeywell International Inc., WSP USA is pleased to submit the Monthly Progress Status Report for the January 2018 reporting period as required by the Consent Order dated October 2, 2015, as amended.

Please contact the undersigned should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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## MONTHLY PROJECT STATUS REPORT FOR JANUARY 2018

### BECK'S LAKE NPL SITE / LA SALLE PARK AREA

#### 1.0 PROJECT STATUS AND PROGRESS TO DATE

- Geophysical survey completed.
- Sled hill investigation, sample collection, laboratory analysis, and validation completed.
- Beck's Lake water and sediment sample collection, laboratory analysis, and validation completed.
- Expedited Area (Charles Black Recreation Center) investigation, sampling, laboratory analyses and validation completed.
- Surface soil sampling, laboratory analyses and validation completed.
- Subsurface soil borings and sampling of soil and groundwater, laboratory analyses, and validation completed.
- Soil gas vapor point installation completed, vapor sampling, laboratory analyses and validation completed.
- Monitor well installation completed; monitor well sampling and gauging completed; laboratory analyses and validation completed.
- All monitor wells (including two installed by others), vapor wells, and staff gauge surveyed by licensed land surveyor.
- The Data Evaluation Summary Report for the Expedited Area was completed and submitted to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on November 30, 2016. Comments were received on January 6, 2017 and addressed in the Draft Expedited Area Remedial Investigation (EA RI) report.
- The Draft EA RI was submitted to the EPA on March 27, 2017. Comments were received on April 28, 2017. The response to the EPA's EA RI comments was submitted to the EPA on May 26, 2017, and indicated that in agreement with the EPA, a Final EA RI would not be submitted. The results of the EA RI were incorporated into the LaSalle Park Area (LPA) Focused RI report submitted to EPA on August 11, 2017.



- The Data Evaluation Summary Report for the LPA was submitted to the EPA on April 4, 2017. Comments were received from the EPA and the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) on May 16, 2017 and May 12, 2017, respectively. Per May 26, 2017 correspondence, the comments were addressed in the LPA Focused RI Report that was submitted on August 11, 2017.
- Correspondence was received from the EPA on April 14, 2017, which outlined their suggested approach for approval of the proposed Charles Black Recreation Center (CBRC) building expansion. The response was submitted May 8, 2017.
- A draft Soil Management Plan (SMP) for managing soils during construction activities at the CBRC was submitted to the EPA on July 7, 2017. EPA responded on July 28, 2017. After minor revisions, the SMP was re-submitted on August 18, 2017 and was approved by the EPA on August 21, 2017. Expansion of the CBRC has begun and the SMP has been implemented and will continue through all soil excavation activity.
- EPA held a local public meeting on September 6, 2017 focused on upcoming off-site residential sampling.
- The Draft LPA RI report was submitted to the EPA on August 11, 2017. Comments were received from EPA on September 12, 2017. Following an extension by EPA on October 13, 2017 the revised RI report was submitted to EPA on October 20, 2017. The RI report was conditionally approved by EPA on November 29, 2017.
- A revised schedule culminating in the submittal of the Feasibility Study Report was submitted to the EPA on October 23, 2017 and discussed in November 2017 teleconferences.
- The Remedial Action Objectives Technical Memorandum was completed and submitted to EPA on January 5, 2018; currently awaiting EPA and IDEM comments before beginning Screening Alternatives Technical Memorandum.
- Re-development and re-sampling of groundwater from all monitor wells began on January 22, 2018; pre-validation laboratory results are anticipated by the end of February.



## **2.0 SUMMARY OF RELEVANT FINDINGS**

- The exposure route and receptor of concern identified in the BHHRA is the inhalation pathway (i.e., dust) for the construction worker. A Soil Management Plan was written, approved by EPA, and implemented for managing this potential risk to CBRC expansion construction workers. Further implementation of the SMP will occur when soil excavation resumes in the Spring.

## **3.0 SUMMARY OF CHANGES MADE TO FIELD ACTIVITIES**

None this reporting period.

## **4.0 SUMMARY OF DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED**

None this reporting period.

## **5.0 SUMMARY OF ACTION TAKEN TO RECTIFY DIFFICULTIES**

None required this reporting period.

## **6.0 SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES TO BE PERFORMED IN FEBRUARY 2018**

- The Remedial Action Objectives Technical Memorandum (RAO TM) was submitted to EPA on January 5, 2018; comments from EPA are anticipated in February 2018.
- Following EPA's approval of the RAO TM, writing of the Screening Alternatives Technical Memorandum will begin.
- Pre-validation laboratory results of re-sampling of groundwater from all existing monitor wells that began in January 2018 are anticipated in February 2018.

## **7.0 KEY PERSONNEL CHANGES**

- None

## **8.0 DEVIATIONS FROM THE PROPOSED SCHEDULE**

- None

