



## GLENN SPRINGS HOLDINGS, INC.

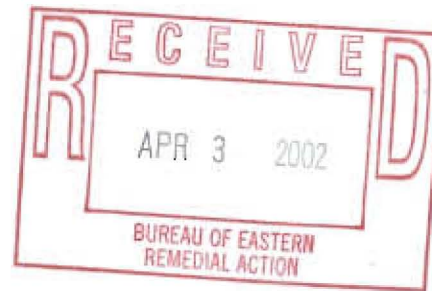
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Dear Mr. Quadri:

Re: Administrative Orders  
Hooker Chemical/Ruco Polymer Corporation Site  
Index Nos. II-CERCLA-80216, II-CERCLA-94-0210, and II-CERCLA-02-2001-2018

Consistent with Sections 42, 91, and 55 of the above-referenced orders, attached please find the progress report for the month of March 2002.

In summary, the following activities were performed in March 2002:

- i) On-site activities for the OU-1 remedial actions started on December 3, 2001 and were completed by January 22, 2002 with the rehabilitation of the excavated area (i.e., fence replacement). The OU-1 RA Implementation Report was submitted on March 18, 2002.
- ii) The HASP prepared by Blue Water for the construction of the selected supplemental system (i.e., add-on vapor phase GAC) for the VCM present in the GP-1/GP-3 extraction system was approved by GSHI. Construction is scheduled to start the week of April 1, 2002.
- iii) A contract was signed with Prosonic Corporation on January 29, 2002 for the well installation program. Mobilization to the Site for installation of the first phase (i.e., MW-58 to MW-64) of the OU-3 predesign wells occurred on February 4, 2002. Monitoring wells MW-58 and MW-60 and the deeper well at MW-61 were installed in March. Arrangements for surveying of the newly installed wells were initiated.
- iv) Preparations for the biosparge testing activities are nearing completion. As described below, on-site preparatory work is scheduled to start on April 2, 2002. A description of potential enhancements to the scope of the biosparge testing activities was submitted to EPA on March 11, 2002.
- v) Bayer notified GSHI by letter dated March 18, 2002 (copy attached) that Bayer plans to close the Hicksville manufacturing facility and cease production in the year 2002. It is expected that there will be no impact on the remedial activities planned for the Hooker/Ruco Site because:
  - all on-site remedial activities have been completed except for the periodic soil flushing to be performed for a specified time period in Sump 1; and

- Bayer has indicated that they will continue to cooperate and keep GSHI informed of future activities regarding the plant closure.

In summary, the following activities are planned for April 2002:

- i) Start construction of the supplemental system to address the VCM at GP1/GP3. It is planned to layout the construction areas and pour the concrete pads for the GAC vapor units and blower the week of April 1, 2002. Placement of the GAC units and blower on the pads and connection to the discharge stack from the existing Northrop vapor phase GAC unit will follow after the concrete has had sufficient time to cure;
- ii) Complete installation of the first phase of the OU-3 predesign activities wells. The first phase is to be completed on or about April 12, 2002. Survey the newly installed wells. Start preparations for the sampling of wells MW-53, MW-56, MW-57 and MW-58 to MW-64;
- iii) Preparations for the OU-3 biosparge injection testing are planned to start on April 2, 2002. This will include making arrangements to retrofit the wellheads of the wells to be tested, finalizing electrical power and potable water sources, making arrangements to clear the areas around the wells for easy access, etc. Thereafter, testing will start; and
- iv) Complete and submit the addendum to the OU-3 HASP for the predesign biosparge testing of the existing wells by April 5, 2002.

Should you have any questions on the above, please do not hesitate to contact me at (859) 543-2151 or e-mail at [steve\\_whyte@oxy.com](mailto:steve_whyte@oxy.com).

Sincerely yours,

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