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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 February 2003.

In summary, the following activities were performed in February 2003:

- i) A meeting was held with Northrop representatives on January 14, 2003 to update them on all aspects of work underway by GSHI/CRA. Access to Plant 5 for a brief walk around was anticipated, but due to recent property transfer to the County this access was not available. This inspection of Plant 5 requires the cooperation of Northrop and Nassau County representatives and is necessary to determine potential alignments for the south fence of the biosparge injection system.
- ii) GSHI/CRA continues to evaluate the proposed remedy now that 2002 data are available and have been incorporated into a better understanding of Site conditions. Design of the Groundwater Remedy proceeded to the extent possible while the EPA was reviewing the Off-Site Groundwater Predesign Information Report submitted on November 22, 2002. EPA comments were received on February 28, 2003 on the Predesign Information Report.
- iii) Drilling of the well MW-68 borehole started on January 20, 2003. Installation of the well was completed on February 14, 2003. Development of MW-67 and MW-68 was completed in February 2003.
- iv) The second flushing of Sump 1 was attempted on January 27, 2003. However, the hydrant from which the potable water was to be obtained was frozen. Flushing will occur the week of March 24, 2003 when the weather warms. EPA was verbally notified of this date on February 26, 2003.
- v) The analytical results and QA/QC review of the groundwater sample collected from well F-2 in December 2002 was submitted on February 21, 2003.
- vi) Construction of the selected supplemental system (add-on vapor phase GAC) for the VCM present in the GP-1/GP-3 extraction system along with a start-up shakedown was completed in early October 2002. During startup, some air leakage was observed in the duct work. The system was shut-down and will not be operated until the leakage is

addressed. CRA, the contractor, and GSHI met at the Site to agree on the remaining tasks. Repair of the leakage required some replacement materials (which have been acquired). The repairs will be completed when the weather warms after which any issue associated with the O & M Manual will be addressed.

In summary, the following activities are planned for March 2003:

- i) Awaiting EPA comments on the OU-1 RA Implementation Report submitted on March 18, 2002.
- ii) Startup the supplemental treatment system after addressing the air leakage and receipt of input from Northrop on the O&M Manual.
- iii) Sample wells MW-67 and MW-68 the week of March 24, 2003.
- iv) Perform second potable water flushing of Sump 1 the week of March 24, 2003.
- v) Prepare responses to EPA comments and continue evaluations/constructability of the proposed biosparge remedy.

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.

Sincerely yours,



for

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