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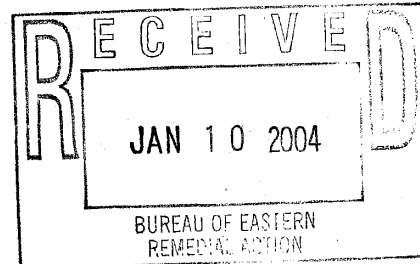
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Mr. Syed Quadri
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United States Environmental
Protection Agency, Region II
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Dear Mr. Quadri:

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, this letter and attached Table 1 provide the progress report for the month of January 2004.

In summary, the following activities were performed in January 2004:

- i) Additional discussions and a meeting on January 20, 2004 were held with Northrop regarding the details of using Northrop's GP-1/GP-3 pumping and treatment system in combination with the biosparge remedy to address the VCM subplume.
- ii) The January 20, 2004 discussions also covered access issues related to the 95% design package submitted to the EPA on October 31, 2003 and location of the control/operation facility for the air sparge system.
- iii) Based on the monitoring results to date, the modified air components of the GP-1/GP-3 groundwater treatment system have been operating effectively.

In summary, the following activities are planned for February 2004:

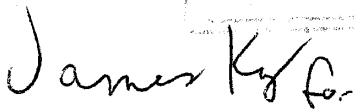
- i) Awaiting EPA comments on the OU-1 RA Implementation Report submitted on March 18, 2002.
- ii) Awaiting EPA comments on the Pre-Final (95%) Remedial Design of the proposed biosparge remedy submitted on October 31, 2003.
- iii) Continue operation and monitoring of the supplemental treatment system.

iv) Flush Sump 1 with potable water, weather permitting.

Additional details will be provided in future monthly progress reports if needed based on the level of activities performed.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Whyte".

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