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Via Email

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**Subject: Magna Metals Site: US EPA Index No. CERCLA-02-2022-2023
Monthly Progress Report – June 15 to July 15, 2023**

Dear Mr. Thantu,

Tetra Tech is providing this monthly progress report for the Former Magna Metals Facility for the time period from June 15, 2023, to July 15, 2023. The format of this report follows the guidance provided by USEPA in Section IX of the Order on Consent dated September 28, 2022, for the above referenced site.

Description of actions which have been taken toward achieving compliance w/Settlement Agreement during the previous month

- A result of the June 14 Teams meeting between USEPA and Tetra Tech and additional comments/information from USEPA to address sample locations that would be added to the field program. USEPA will provide the following data for discussion and inclusion in the QAPP Addendum:
 - Changes to background sample locations
 - Additional samples in the secondary channels
 - Additional sample locations on the upland around Lower Pond
- An e-mail from Lorenzo Thantu on June 28 requested Tetra Tech provide a map showing the historic locations overlain on the proposed sample locations. This e-mail also provided input on the number of samples that USEPA counted which was different from Tetra Tech.
- An e-mail from Walter Sainsbury on July 12 requested a response from Tetra Tech on Lorenzo Thantu's e-mail from June 28 and requested revisions to the QAPP Addendum be submitted by Friday, July 21.
- Tetra Tech responded to Lorenzo Thantu's June 28 e-mail on July 12 by providing clarification of the number of samples (764) that are currently included in the field program. In addition to the 764 samples there are 403 archive samples for a total of 1167 samples.
- Lorenzo Thantu set up a Teams call to discuss the historic sample locations overlain on the Tetra Tech proposed locations on July 14. USEPA is requested that the historic sample locations as dots are added to the Tetra Tech sample location figures and at a larger scale (smaller area covered per map).

- Property access agreements that have been received, signed by ISC Properties/Lightron, and returned to the landowners is 22 (One (1) property owner rescinded his agreement). Three (3) (8 parcels, 6 school properties and two additional properties) additional property access agreements have been signed but not returned to the property owner. There are 2 property owners (5 parcels) that have said no. There are 17 property owners that have not responded to the access agreement request.
- Tetra Tech sent a second letter to property owners on June 30, 2023.
- A second face-to-face meeting with the remaining landowners, accompanied by USEPA personnel, is necessary to complete the property access process. Tetra Tech will work with USEPA to schedule this meeting.

Results of sampling, tests, modeling, and all other raw data

No results as such work are not required to be performed at this time.

Description of all actions, data, and plans which are scheduled for the next two (2) months and any other information that is customary to provide in the industry

- Property owners that have not responded to the property access letter/agreement and follow up phone calls will be contacted for a face-to-face meeting to obtain access. This process will continue until property access is obtained from every property owner.
- Publicly available data will be reviewed to develop a topographic survey base map for the project area.
- USEPA to provide input on background sample locations and sample locations along the secondary channels.
- Respond to comments from USEPA on the Draft QAPP Addendum.
- Remove overgrown vegetation on the building foundation and around monitoring wells. Straighten fences that are in the way of monitoring well access.
- Conduct GPR analysis of the building foundation after vegetation removal.
- Deliver HASP to USEPA for Oversight use.

Information regarding percentage of completion, all delays encountered or anticipated, and description of all efforts made to mitigate said delays.

- RI/FS WP Addendum is 100% complete.
- QAPP Addendum is 90% complete.
- HASP is 100%.

Potential Delay(s)

- The approved work plans and property access are required prior to initiating the field program.
- Field Program slated for Fall 2023. Please feel free to contact me with revisions or if you need additional information.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Dave Richardson'.

Dave Richardson

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