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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 – November 15 to December 15, 2023**

Dear Mr. Thantu,

Tetra Tech is providing this monthly progress report for the Former Magna Metals Facility for the time period from November 15, 2023, to December 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.**

- Tetra Tech has requested a schedule extension on the QAPP Addendum Response to comments. USEPA has granted the schedule extension request from December 1, 2023, to January 12, 2024, pending a face-to-face meeting to discuss the comments.
- USEPA, HDR, Tetra Tech, Keane and Beane, P.C., and Trident Environmental attended a face-to-face meeting at the USEPA Region II office on December 11, 2023. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the 4 primary comments from the November 8 Disapproval Letter and to develop action items to allow Tetra Tech to finish the response to comments for USEPA review and approval.
- During the December 11 meeting, USEPA, Tetra Tech, and Keane and Beane, P.C. had a property access discussion to define the strategy to obtain the remaining property access. The outcome of the discussion was USEPA has sent post cards to the 9 outstanding property owners and will follow with another post card or call to schedule face-to-face meetings with the property owners.
- Tetra Tech will provide an updated Figure 2 and Table 2 from the QAPP Addendum on December 15, 2023, based on the decisions made during the face-to-face meeting on December 11. This is a preliminary submittal to ensure that the agreements made during the face-to-face meeting were accurately applied to the sample location map and table. This submittal will include a total sample count based on the revisions discussed during the 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.**

- Submittal of the revised QAPP Addendum by January 12, 2024, to obtain approval for the field program.
- Property owners that have not responded to the property access letter/agreement and follow up phone calls or have denied property access will be contacted for a face-to-face meeting to obtain access or, USEPA will provide a letter indicating if the property owners don't grant property access that the property owner is responsible for the potential contamination on their property.
- Publicly available data will be reviewed to develop a topographic survey base map for the project area.
- Remove overgrown vegetation around monitoring wells. Straighten fences that are in the way of monitoring well access.
- Conduct GPR analysis of the building foundation or seek a different compound area in the park near Lower Pond in which case the foundation GPR analysis is not necessary.
- Deliver HASP to USEPA for Oversight use.
- Begin pre-field activities to determine the field compound location and associated support such as power, IDW disposal, and refrigeration.
- Tetra Tech to obtain budget approval from Nationwide Insurance to begin pre-field preparation for the spring field program.
- Conduct air sampling at five locations in the two Polymedco buildings during winter when the heating system is operating.

**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 95% complete.
- HASP is 100%.

**Potential Delay(s)**

- Field Program slated for Spring 2024. The earliest start based on the winter weather is late February and the late start would be in March. The goal is to complete the field work by mid-April.
- The approved work plans are required prior to initiating the field program.
- Property access at all properties is required by February 16 to initiate the field program.



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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