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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 – December 15, 2023, to January 15, 2024**

Dear Mr. Thantu,

Tetra Tech is providing this monthly progress report for the Former Magna Metals Facility for the time period from December 15, 2023, to January 15, 2024. 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 submitted the QAPP Addendum Response to comments and revised QAPP Addendum to USEPA on January 12, 2024.
- 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. USEPA has conducted face-to-face meetings with property owners.
- On December 21, Tetra Tech requested a USEPA review of the 6-inch discrete interval options if the volume of soil/sediment is insufficient to provide the laboratories the volume of material they need for analysis. This will most likely occur when duplicates or MS/MSD samples are included. USEPA's response on January 3 was to allow the extension of the 6-inch discrete interval in the locations where insufficient volume was obtained if the extension is from the same soil horizon or sediment layer as the original sample.

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.

- QAPP Addendum approval from USEPA by February 1, 2024, to allow time for the pre-field activities to be able to start the field work on February 26 or March 4, 2024, based on weather and field conditions.
- 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. Property access required by February 16 to begin field work on February 26 or March 4.
- 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 field budget approval from Nationwide Insurance to begin pre-field preparation for the spring field program. This needs to occur before February 1 if the field work is going to start on February 26 or March 4 depending on weather and field conditions.
- Conduct air sampling at five locations in the two Polymedco buildings and two locations outside the 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,



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