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Mr. Alex Czuhanich
New York State Dept. of Environmental. Conservation
Division of Hazardous Waste
625 Broadway
Albany, NY 12233

Re: Semiannual Report: Olin Chemicals
Buffalo Ave. Facility, Niagara Falls, NY

Dear Mr. Czuhanich:

This is the first Semiannual report for 2011 as required by Olin's Administrative Order on Consent (AOC) for our Niagara Falls Plant, (Index #R9-4171-94-08, Site Registry #9-32-051A, and B). The timeframe for this report covers the period from October 1, 2010 through March 31, 2011. A full copy of this report is also included as a PDF file on the attached CD.

Operation / Maintenance issues :
Details of the implementation of routine maintenance tasks and trouble shooting activities are included for this reporting period in the six monthly memoranda from Olin's consultant, Mactec Engineering and Consulting, (***Attachment 1, on CD***). The most significant metrics of system performance are the tracking of downtime and of target drawdown levels. Historically, when the system is running and operating efficiently, hydraulic capture is achieved. The monthly O&M reports document the details of all issues. . Note that ***Attachment 1*** includes Header data, O&M memo's and Potentiometric Maps / hydrographs, grouped by which quarter they represent.

Olin submitted an updated site O&M Manual to NYSDEC on March 28. This document reflects recent upgrades to the system that had been approved previously. It also includes updated site inspection sheets which better reflect current system configuration and conditions. Olin requests that NYSDEC approve these upgraded inspection sheets, since they are a component of the O&M Manual.

Hydraulic Capture:
Attachment 1 on CD includes PDF files of piezometric maps for each hydraulic zone representing the most recent two quarters. That attachment also includes tables and hydrographs documenting empirical monthly hydraulic capture comparisons, plus piezometric data and system flow data.

A-zone: The A-zone groundwater capture criteria are via empirical comparison to Gill Creek stage and Buffalo Avenue sewer invert levels. In general, A-zone capture is being achieved over the 300 foot boundary with Gill Creek, and relative to potential northward flow toward Buffalo Avenue. This is largely aided by seasonally dry conditions. A-zone capture has been maintained during the two reporting quarters. One minor area of capture weakness is at the piezometer PN6A, covering a span of approximately 20 feet. This is evidenced by the Gill Creek elevation being slightly higher than this piezometer's level. Past monitoring indicates that any effects of this

apparent hydraulic gradient is de minimis due to daily fluctuations in Gill Creek level causing diurnal gradient reversals and inhibiting groundwater discharge.

B-zone: Capture is also being maintained. C-zone: C and CD-zone gradients indicate westward flow toward and capture by the high volume Production well in Plant 1. There is some . eastward flow toward the Solvent Site groundwater collection system at the Plant 2 area. Limited C-zone data also suggest northward flow during some measurement episodes.

Groundwater Quality:
The recovery well header groundwater data, plus influent, mid-carbon, and effluent data, are included on the CD as ***Attachment 1***.

Overview of extracted groundwater volume and contaminant mass:
The volume of pumped groundwater for the two quarters comprising this reporting period was approximately 13.8 million gallons. The total volume of groundwater extracted and treated since system startup is approximately 345 million gallons. Since startup the system has extracted over 74,000 pounds of organics, 346 pounds of pesticides and approximately 4 pounds of mercury. ***Attachment 2*** contains tables showing the current reporting quarters' header data per well, mass removed per quarter and mass removed over the operational life of the system to date. Graphs of mass removed per million gallons of water show that mercury and pesticide rates have dropped, indicating significant progress in removing those constituents. The graph or organics mass removed per million gallons continues to show cyclicity in organics removal rates. Note that approximately 90 per cent of organics mass removed by the Olin treatment system have moved onsite from non-Olin sources.

Agency correspondence, documenting down time notifications, is included in ***Attachment 3.***

We believe that we are continuing to make significant progress in removing contaminant mass from Olin's Niagara Falls Plant site via our remediation system. We will continue to improve the system and monitor its effectiveness. Please direct any questions or comments to me at 423/336-4587.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Bellotti

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List of Attachments on CD

Attachment 1:

- Monthly Operation and Maintenance Status Reports: :
- Piezometric maps, hydrographs and supporting data
- System Flow Data

Attachment 2:

- Groundwater Quality Data: quarterly recovery well header data and influent/effluent data
- Contaminant Removed Tables and Graphs:
  - Quarterly Contaminant mass removed tables
  - Summary of Project Life Groundwater Flow and Mass Removed

Attachment 3:

- Agency Correspondence

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