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Management Action Committee (MAC) Meeting
August 19, 2003
Centredale Manor Restoration Project
North Providence, Rhode Island

Attendees:

Ralph A. Mollis, Mayor-Town of North Providence
Eugenia Marks, Urban Rivers Team / Audubon Society
Jennifer Pereira, Director-Woonasquatucket Watershed Council
David Scotti, Loureiro Engineering Associates, Inc.
Anna Krasko, USEPA
Lou Maccarone, RIDEM

Agenda:

o Technical Update

Anna provided an update on EPA's progress at the site since the last MAC meeting held on July 1, 2003. The following were noted:

- EPA's contractor had submitted a Draft Data Summary Report presenting a summary of findings in support of the *Interim Data Collection Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study*. This report includes a summary of findings for samples obtained from the former tailrace. The draft report requires modification to address comments provided by EPA and Corps of Engineers.
- EPA is still awaiting the analytical results for the sediment cores obtained in May. The sediment cores were obtained in an attempt to identify the depositional history and restorative capacity of the water system (to quantify the rate at which sediments are being deposited). The results of the dating analysis are expected this week. Based on these results, samples will be selected for dioxin analysis.
- The US F&WS has continued with the Tree Swallow Study, including collection of eggs this summer from areas including the Manton Pond areas of the Woonasquatucket River. The

results of the continuing Tree Swallow evaluation will be provided in the Baseline Ecological Risk Assessment (BERA) and any necessary amendments.

Dave Scotti provided an overview of the proposed removal activities, in which the former tailrace sediments are to be capped. A general discussion regarding clearing activities ensued. It was explained that during clearing, trees would be removed; however, an attempt would be made to keep as many trees as practicably possible. It was discussed that there may be a concern from some of the residents about losing the "green buffer" if large trees are removed. Mayor Mollis requested that the Town be notified when the removal activities are scheduled to begin and residents are to be contacted. Mayor Mollis also expressed an interest in participating in an initial site walkover to identify the limits of the clearing.

Anna explained that EPA plans to finalize and issue the "*Site Update on Fishing Advisory*". EPA also plans to coordinate with the Town and to hold an informational meeting for the benefit of the Brook Village, Centredale Manor, and surrounding area residents prior to implementing the removal action activities. Jennifer Pereira noted that representatives from the Town of Johnston may be interested in attending the informational meeting because the Town's Planning Department intends to relocate to Irons Avenue, south of Allendale Pond.

Eugenia Marks remarked that it may be prudent to place warning signs in the Manton Dam area and that some of the existing signs may need to be replaced near Allendale Dam. She also suggested that it is advisable to do door-to-door handouts of the Site Update as was done in the past, especially in areas further downstream from the Site, where she recently observed people fishing. It was agreed that it would be beneficial to have a wide distribution of this Site Update. It was noted that the faded signs near Allendale Dam have been replaced. Jennifer Pereira offered that the Woonasquatucket Watershed Council has the artwork for any additional signs that may need to be made, and will provide the artwork to EPA.

Jennifer Pereira and Eugenia Marks updated the group on current activities of the Woonasquatucket Watershed Council, including dragon fly survey recently completed by Eugenia.

Dave Scotti informed the group that the soils stockpiled on the containment pad have been disposed at Waste Management, Inc.'s facility in Model City, New York. The concrete from the containment pad was disposed of at a local recycling facility.

o Community Outreach Update

EPA provided copies of the draft "*Site Update on Fishing Advisory*", which incorporates comments received from MAC members.

o Other Items

The next MAC meeting is scheduled for September 9, 2003, at 1:00 pm in the North Providence Town Hall. The future meeting schedule may depend on the field activities planned for the former tailrace area this fall.