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**Management Action Committee (MAC) Meeting
September 4, 2002
Centredale Manor Restoration Project
North Providence, Rhode Island**

Attendees:

Louis Maccarone, RIDEM
Eugenia Marks, Urban Rivers Team/ Audubon Society
Anna Krasko, EPA
Michael Jasinski, EPA
A member of the Watershed Commission and North Providence Environmental Commission

Agenda:

o Technical Update

Anna Krasko updated the MAC on the results from the July residential soil sampling and the status of the Non Time Critical Removal Action (NTCRA). This work, along with restoration of the Allendale Dam is being done by the Potentially Responsible Parties (PRPs) in accordance with an EPA Order. The PRPs' contractor, LEA, had collected these additional residential soil samples during the weeks of July 15th and 22nd. These sample results complete the delineation necessary to determine the extent of the removal work (excavation) at 10 residential properties. Additional sampling is still required at approximately 3 properties which is expected to occur in September. Results from the dioxin field test kits, in comparison to the fixed lab results, did not show a definitive correlation as had been hoped and will not be used in the decision making. Baring any surprises, the PRPs will be performing excavation activities on the residential properties before the end of October.

In addition, as part of the on-going EPA Remedial Investigation efforts, EPA-Army Corp's contractor, Battelle, will be collecting an additional round of groundwater samples from 33 existing monitoring wells, and additional soil samples in the former tailrace behind the Centredale Manor apartments in October.

EPA (through it's Environmental Response Team from Edison, NJ) will be initiating two, 10-day field efforts within the Allendale and Lymanville ponds. The first field effort will focus on Allendale Pond the beginning of October and will include ground penetrating radar (via a boat)

over the entire surface of the pond. Lymanville pond will undergo a similar radar survey in November. At the same time, a geomorphic investigation will be conducted by the Army Corps' Waterways Experimental Station (WES) which will identify geomorphic features and processes occurring over time within the Woonasquatucket River which may govern contaminant migration.

Finally, in response to a question, Anna Krasko informed the Group that the draft report from the USGS on their tree swallow studies was just received and would be available later this year. This report contains data from 2000 and 2001 samples while additional samples in 2002 have recently been collected.

o Community Outreach Update

Anna Krasko told the Group that EPA, it's contractor, and LEA, attended separate informational meetings on September 3, 2002, at the request of Mayor Mollis, to update the Brook Village and Centredale Manor residents on the ongoing work and future work that will be occurring in the area this Fall.

o Other Items

MAC meetings will continue to be scheduled on the first Wednesday of each month at 1:00 pm in the Town Hall. The next meeting will be on October 2, 2002.

Eugenia Marks reiterated her request that EPA create a strategy for greater outreach to residents in the Town of Johnston to assure that Lymanville area residents and their children are not using the pond for recreation nor coming into Allendale along the newly refurbished dam, as has been reported. It was suggested that, now that schools are back in session, that a flier containing Do's and Don't's could be prepared and distributed through the schools (especially in the Lymanville Pond area). Another outreach source that should be looked into would be to contact Tom Morgan from the Providence Journal/NW Section to run a piece in the paper.

It was noted by a member of the North Providence Environmental Commission that they were not told of or invited to the meeting with the Brook Village and Centredale Manor residents.