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Capping Work Resumes Next Week at Centredale Manor Restoration Project

BOSTON - Work will resume early next week to complete a second interim cap at the Centredale Manor property in North Providence, RI to prevent dioxin and other contaminants from migrating into the Woonasquatucket River and to limit human exposure to contaminated areas. Five potentially responsible parties will be conducting the construction work, beginning Monday, in response to an Administrative Order issued by EPA last month.

"I am pleased to see the responsible parties step up to the plate to complete these time-critical public health measures at Centredale Manor and along the Woonasquatucket," said Mindy S. Lubber, the EPA's New England administrator.

EPA has spent approximately \$2 million to conduct widespread sampling in and along the Woonasquatucket River, to fence and limit access to contaminated areas and to cap contaminated soils south of the Centredale Manor parking lot.

Last fall, EPA's cleanup crews completed most of the second cap between Centredale Manor and Brook Village. Last month, the agency ordered the responsible parties to finish the second cap.

EPA staff is continuing its investigation to determine the extent of contamination in the river. A formal evaluation of engineering options for addressing contamination downstream to the Lymanville Dam is also underway.

The five parties named in the order are: Crown Metro, Inc.; Emhart Industries, Inc.; New England Container Company Inc.; Brook Village Associates Limited Partnership; and Centredale Manor Associates Limited Partnership. They have hired Loureiro Associates of Plainville, CT to perform the work under EPA's oversight.

The Centredale Manor Restoration Project is located on Smith Street in North Providence and includes the Woonasquatucket River and the floodplain between Route 44 downstream to and including Lymanville Dam.

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