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Introduction

This document is the Index to the Administrative Record for the Hocomonco Pond National Priorities List (NPL) site. Section I of the Index cites site-specific documents, and Section II cites guidance documents used by EPA staff in selecting a response action at the site.

The Administrative Record is available for public review at EPA Region I's Office in Boston, Massachusetts, and at the Westborough Public Library, West Main Street, Westborough, MA 01581. Questions concerning the Administrative Record should be addressed to the EPA Region I site manager.

The Administrative Record is required by the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA).

Section I

Site-Specific Documents

ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD INDEX

for the

Hocomonco Pond NPL Site

1.0 Pre-Remedial

1.2 Preliminary Assessment

1. "Potential Hazardous Waste Site - Identification and Preliminary Assessment" Form, EPA Region I (May 10, 1983).

1.3 Site Inspection

1. "Potential Hazardous Waste Site - Site Inspection Report - Part 1 - Site Location and Inspection Information" Form, EPA Region I (August 3, 1983).

3.0 Remedial Investigation (RI)

3.1 Correspondence

1. Memorandum from Joseph Ellis, Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Environmental Quality Engineering to James S. Ciriello, EPA Region I (January 5, 1984). Concerning water-quality classification systems.
2. Letter from Richard A. Sheils, Mirick, O'Connell, DeMallie & Lougee (Attorney for Smith Valve Corporation) to Lauren Stiller Rikleen, EPA Region I (February 3, 1984). Concerning notification to EPA of Smith Valve Corporation's intent to comment on the Remedial Action Master Plan.

3.2 Sampling and Analysis Data

1. "Final Report," Cambridge Analytical Associates (February 28, 1985).

Additional Sampling and Analysis Data may be reviewed by appointment only at the EPA Region I Records Center, Boston, Massachusetts.

3.4 Interim Deliverables

Reports

1. "Remedial Action Master Plan," NUS Corporation (January 1984).
2. "Final Risk Assessment," TRC Environmental Consultants, Inc. (August 30, 1985).

Comments

3. Comments Dated September 24, 1985 from Laura Steinberg, Sullivan & Worcester (Attorney for Koppers Company, Inc.) on the August 30, 1985 "Final Risk Assessment," TRC Environmental Consultants, Inc.
4. Comments Dated September 25, 1985 from Stephen D. Anderson (Attorney for Smith Valve Corporation) on the August 30, 1985 "Final Risk Assessment," TRC Environmental Consultants, Inc.

3.6 Remedial Investigation (RI) Reports

1. "Final Remedial Investigation Report," TRC Environmental Consultants, Inc. (September 1985).
2. "Remedial Investigation Report - Appendix E - Laboratory Analysis Results," TRC Environmental Consultants, Inc. (September 1985).
3. "Remedial Investigation Report - Exhibits," TRC Environmental Consultants, Inc. (September 1985).

3.7 Work Plans and Progress Reports

1. "Work Plan - Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study of Alternatives," NUS Corporation (January 1984).

3.12 Action Memoranda

1. Memorandum from William N. Hedeman Jr., EPA Headquarters to Lee M. Thomas, EPA Headquarters (July 28, 1983). Concerning a request for authorization to undertake remedial planning activities.

4.0 Feasibility Study (FS)

4.6 Feasibility Study (FS) Reports

1. "Final Feasibility Study," TRC Environmental Consultants, Inc. (September 1985).

4.9 Proposed Plan for Selected Remedial Action

1. "Superfund Program Fact Sheet," EPA Region I (July 1985). Concerning proposed alternatives for remediation of the Hocomonco Pond site.

Comments on the Proposed Plan received by EPA Region I during the formal public comment period are filed and cited in 5.3 Responsiveness Summaries.

5.0 Record of Decision (ROD)

5.3 Responsiveness Summaries

1. Cross-Reference: The Responsiveness Summary is an Appendix to the September 30, 1985 "Record of Decision - Remedial Alternative Selection," EPA Region I [Filed and cited as entry number 1 in 5.4 Record of Decision (ROD)].

The following citations indicate documents received by EPA Region I during the formal public comment period.

2. Comments Dated July 17, 1985 from Richard W. McLeod, Raymond E. Welsh, and Stephen C. Doret, Town of Westborough on the July 1985 "Superfund Program Fact Sheet," EPA Region I.
3. Comments Dated July 20, 1985 from Walter H. Ward on the July 1985 "Superfund Program Fact Sheet," EPA Region I.
4. Comments Dated July 23, 1985 from James R. Campbell, Koppers Company, Inc. on the July 1985 "Superfund Program Fact Sheet," EPA Region I.
5. Comments Dated July 24, 1985 from Stephen D. Anderson (Attorney for Smith Valve Corporation) on the July 1985 "Superfund Program Fact Sheet," EPA Region I.
6. Comments Dated September 11, 1985 from John P. Houston, Member of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Senate on the July 1985 "Superfund Program Fact Sheet," EPA Region I.

- 5.3 Responsiveness Summaries (cont'd.)
 - 7. Comments Dated September 12, 1985 from Virginia D. Otto on the July 1985 "Superfund Program Fact Sheet," EPA Region I.
 - 8. Comments Dated September 21, 1985 from Beatrice Walker on the July 1985 "Superfund Program Fact Sheet," EPA Region I.
- 5.4 Record of Decision (ROD)
 - 1. "Record of Decision - Remedial Alternative Selection," EPA Region I (September 30, 1985).
 - 2. "Record of Decision - Errata Sheet," EPA Region I (January 3, 1986).
- 10.0 Enforcement
 - 10.1 Correspondence
 - 1. Letter from Merrill S. Hohman, EPA Region I to Gerald St. Hilaire, Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Communities and Development (September 16, 1985). Concerning the state intergovernmental review process.
 - 10.3 State and Local Enforcement Records
 - 1. Letter from Edmond G. Benoit, Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Environmental Quality Engineering to Bernard P. McGuirk, Smith Valve Corporation (August 10, 1982). Concerning a request to attend a meeting and discussing possible measures to access and control creosote in Hocomonco Pond.
 - 2. Letter from Edmond G. Benoit, Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Environmental Quality Engineering to Smith Valve Corporation (August 24, 1982). Concerning correction to Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Environmental Quality Engineering's letter of August 10, 1982.
- 11.0 Potentially Responsible Party (PRP)
 - 11.1 PRP Lists
 - 1. List of Potentially Responsible Parties, EPA Region I.
 - 11.6 Site Level - Evidence - Government Agency Documents
 - 1. Cross-Reference: Letter from Richard L. Keller, Commonwealth of Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife to Joseph Ellis, Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Environmental Quality Engineering (August 16, 1982). Concerning the attached fisheries surveys from 1971 and 1982 [Filed and cited as entry number 3 in 17.8 State and Local Technical Records].
 - 2. Trip Report on a Visit to the Hocomonco Pond Site, James Ciriello, EPA Region I (June 24, 1983).
 - 3. Cross-Reference: Letter from Robert P. Madore, Commonwealth of Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife to Dodie Brownlee, Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Environmental Quality Engineering (March 27, 1985). Concerning the attached evaluation of fish population [Filed and cited as entry number 6 in 17.8 State and Local Technical Records].

11.9 PRP-Specific Correspondence

Aluminum Company of America (ALCOA)

1. Letter from William F. Cass, Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Environmental Quality Engineering to Charles Perry, Aluminum Company of America (May 15, 1985). Concerning notification of potential liability.
2. Letter from Merrill S. Hohman, EPA Region I to Charles Perry, Aluminum Company of America (May 21, 1985). Concerning notification of potential liability and request for information.

A.R. Belli, Inc.

3. Letter from Merrill S. Hohman, EPA Region I to Arnold R. Belli, A.R. Belli, Inc. Concerning notification of potential liability and request for information.

Chicago Bridge & Iron Company

4. Letter from William F. Cass, Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Environmental Quality Engineering to Buell Moore, Chicago Bridge & Iron Company (May 16, 1985). Concerning notification of potential liability.
5. Letter from Merrill S. Hohman, EPA Region I to Chicago Bridge & Iron Company (May 21, 1985). Concerning notification of potential liability.
6. Letter from Merrill S. Hohman, EPA Region I to Buell Moore, Chicago Bridge & Iron Company (May 21, 1985). Concerning notification of potential liability and request for information.
7. Letter from Craig A. MacDonnell, Nutter, McClennen & Fish (Attorney for Chicago Bridge & Iron Company) to William Walsh-Rogalski, EPA Region I (June 17, 1985). Concerning telephone agreement to extend response period for EPA Region I's request for information.

Koppers Company, Inc.

8. Letter from Merrill S. Hohman, EPA Region I to C.R. Pullin, Koppers Company, Inc. (January 25, 1985). Concerning notification of potential liability and request for information.
9. Letter from William F. Cass, Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Environmental Quality Engineering to Koppers Company, Inc. (May 15, 1985). Concerning notification of potential liability.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

10. Letter from Merrill S. Hohman, EPA Region I to Francis X. Bellotti, Commonwealth of Massachusetts Office of the Attorney General (January 25, 1985). Concerning notification of potential liability and request for information.
11. Letter from Merrill S. Hohman, EPA Region I to Robert T. Tierney, Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Public Works (January 25, 1985). Concerning notification of potential liability and request for information.
12. Letter from Stephen M. Leonard, Commonwealth of Massachusetts Office of the Attorney General (April 8, 1985). Concerning denial of liability.
13. Letter from Merrill S. Hohman, EPA Region I to Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Public Works (May 21, 1985). Concerning notification of potential liability.

11.9 PRP-Specific Correspondence (cont'd.)

Smith Valve Corporation

14. Letter from Merrill S. Hohman, EPA Region I to Anthony Smith, Smith Valve Corporation (January 25, 1985). Concerning notification of potential liability and request for information.
15. Letter from William F. Cass, Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Environmental Quality Engineering to Smith Valve Corporation (May 15, 1985). Concerning notification of potential liability.

Town of Westborough

16. Letter from Merrill S. Hohman, EPA Region I to Richard M. Foster, Town of Westborough (January 25, 1985). Concerning notification of potential liability and request for information.
17. Letter from William F. Cass, Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Environmental Quality Engineering to Town of Westborough (May 15, 1985). Concerning notification of potential liability.
18. Letter from Merrill S. Hohman, EPA Region I to Town of Westborough (May 21, 1985). Concerning notification of potential liability.

13.0 Community Relations

13.1 Correspondence

1. Letter from James S. Ciriello, EPA Region I to Paul McNulty, Town of Westborough (August 30, 1983). Concerning an update on the status of the site.
2. Letter from James S. Ciriello, EPA Region I to Paul McNulty, Town of Westborough (January 24, 1984) with attached January 25, 1984 "Environmental News Release," EPA Region I. Concerning release of the January 1984 "Remedial Action Master Plan," NUS Corporation and the announcement of the February 15, 1984 public meeting.

13.2 Community Relations Plans

1. "Community Relations Plan," EPA Region I (August 1983).

13.3 News Clippings/Press Releases

1. "Environmental News Release," EPA Region I (January 25, 1984). Concerning the announcement of a public meeting on February 15, 1984.
2. "Environmental News," EPA Region I (June 19, 1985). Concerning the announcement of availability of the "Final Remedial Investigation Report," TRC Environmental Consultants, Inc. (September 1985) and the "Final Feasibility Study," TRC Environmental Consultants, Inc. (September 1985).
3. "Environmental News," EPA Region I (July 17, 1985). Concerning an extension of the public comment period for the proposed plan.
4. "Environmental News," EPA Region I (September 4, 1985). Concerning the announcement of the availability of the "Final Risk Assessment," TRC Environmental Consultants, Inc. (August 30, 1985).
5. "Environmental News," EPA Region I (October 1, 1985). Concerning the announcement of the selection of the remedy and the availability of the Record of Decision for public review.

13.4 Public Meetings

1. EPA Region I Announcement, Remedial Action Master Plan and Remedial Investigation Work Plan Public Meeting on the Hocomonco Pond Site (February 15, 1984).
2. EPA Region I Agenda, Remedial Action Master Plan and Remedial Investigation Work Plan Public Meeting on the Hocomonco Pond Site (February 15, 1984).
3. "Hocomonco Pond Superfund Site," Remedial Action Master Plan and Remedial Investigation Work Plan Public Meeting Handout for the Hocomonco Pond Site, EPA Region I (February 15, 1984).
4. Three Overhead Transparencies, Remedial Action Master Plan and Remedial Investigation Work Plan Public Meeting on the Hocomonco Pond Site (February 15, 1984).
5. "Summary of Public Meeting," EPA Region I (February 15, 1984).
6. EPA Region I Meeting Notes, Feasibility Study Public Meeting on the Hocomonco Pond Site (July 1, 1985).
7. EPA Region I Attendance List, Feasibility Study Public Meeting on the Hocomonco Pond Site (July 1, 1985).
8. Transcript, Feasibility Study Public Hearing on the Hocomonco Pond Site (July 10, 1985).
9. EPA Region I Attendance List, Feasibility Study Public Hearing on the Hocomonco Pond Site (July 10, 1985).

13.5 Fact Sheets

1. "Progress and Plans," EPA Region I (May 1984). Concerning installation of signs and fences, and sampling.
2. Cross-Reference: "Superfund Program Fact Sheet," EPA Region I (July 1985). Concerning the proposed alternatives for Remediation of the Hocomonco Pond site [Filed and cited as entry number 1 in 4.9 Proposed Plan for Selected Remedial Action].

14.0 Congressional Relations

14.1 Correspondence

1. Cross-Reference: Comments Dated September 11, 1985 from John P. Houston, Member of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Senate on the July 1985 "Superfund Program Fact Sheet," EPA Region I [Filed and cited as entry number 6 in 5.3 Responsiveness Summaries].

17.0 Site Management Records

17.1 Correspondence

1. Letter from Thomas B. Fryer Jr., Town of Westborough to EPA Region I (May 16, 1984). Concerning damage to the verge of Otis Street.
2. Letter from James S. Ciriello, EPA Region I to Thomas B. Fryer Jr., Town of Westborough (June 10, 1984). Concerning assurance that affected area would be graded and reseeded.

17.5 Site Descriptions/Chronologies

1. Memorandum from Linda L. Maillet to Richard F. Slein (August 6, 1982). Concerning chain of ownership of property adjacent to Hocomonco Pond.
2. "Draft - Hocomonco Pond Site Chronology." Concerning commercial activities at the site from March 6, 1928 to December 20, 1982.

17.8 State and Local Technical Records

1. "Test Holes Dug," E.J. Flynn Engineers, Inc. (July 22, 1980).
2. Letter Report from Peter M. Lynch, Whitman & Howard, Inc. to Gilbert T. Joly, Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Environmental Quality Engineering (July 21, 1981) with attached well construction and sampling data for the two-day pumping test.
3. Letter from Richard L. Keller, Commonwealth of Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife to Joseph Ellis, Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Environmental Quality Engineering (August 16, 1982). Concerning the attached 1971 and 1982 fisheries surveys.
4. Memorandum from Halina Brown, Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Environmental Quality Engineering to Edmond G. Benoit, Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Environmental Quality Engineering (September 28, 1982). Concerning assessment and recommendation on the health effects and recreational use of Hocomonco Pond.
5. Memorandum from Joseph Ellis, Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Environmental Quality Engineering to Edmond G. Benoit, Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Environmental Quality Engineering (November 19, 1982). Concerning the estimated quantity of wood preservative residue in Hocomonco Pond.
6. Letter from Robert P. Madore, Commonwealth of Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife to Dodie Brownlee, Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Environmental Quality Engineering (March 27, 1985). Concerning the attached evaluation of fish population.

Section II

Guidance Documents

GUIDANCE DOCUMENTS

EPA guidance documents may be reviewed at EPA Region I, Boston, Massachusetts.

General EPA Guidance Documents

1. "Guidelines Establishing Test Procedures for the Analysis of Pollutants Under the Clean Water Act; Final Rule and Interim Final Rule and Proposed Rule" (40 CFR Part 136), Federal Register, October 26, 1984. C036
2. Memorandum from Gene Lucero to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, August 28, 1985 (discussing community relations at Superfund Enforcement sites). C053
3. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Office of Emergency and Remedial Response. Personnel Protection and Safety. C071
4. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Office of Research and Development. Municipal Environmental Research Laboratory. Biodegradation and Treatability of Specific Pollutants (EPA-600/9-79-034), October 1979. C007
5. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Office of Research and Development. Municipal Environmental Research Laboratory. Handbook for Evaluating Remedial Action Technology Plans (EPA-600/2-83-076), August 1983. 2307/18
6. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Office of Research and Development. Environmental Research Laboratory. EPA Guide for Minimizing the Adverse Environmental Effects of Cleanup of Uncontrolled Hazardous Waste Sites (EPA-600/8-85/008), June 1985. 2001/3
7. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response. Guidance on Feasibility Studies under CERCLA (Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act) (EPA/540/G-85/003, OSWER Directive 9355.0-05C), June 1985. C034
8. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response. Guidance on Remedial Investigations under CERCLA (Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act) (EPA/540/G-85/002, OSWER Directive 9355.0-06B), June 1985. C035
9. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Office of Waste Programs Enforcement. The Endangerment Assessment Handbook, August 1985. C025
- 10. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Office of Water and Waste Management. Evaluating Cover Systems for Solid and Hazardous Waste, 1980.