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Re: U.S. v. AVX, et al.
C.A. No. 83-3882-MC

Dear Mr. Cheeseman:

Enclosed please find the monthly status report from NUS Corporation for September, 1984.

Very truly yours,

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WORK ASSIGNMENT STATUS REPORT
EPA CONTRACT NO. 68-01-6699, MOD. NO. 28
WORK ASSIGNMENT NO. 28-1L43
NEW BEDFORD SITE
BRISTOL COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS
NUS PROJECT NO. S725 (0725)

Activity: Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study

1. Progress this Period - September 1984:

- An addendum to the fast-track Feasibility Study (Task 16) was submitted for public review and comment on September 12, 1984. This addendum presented a fifth alternative for remediation of the "hot-spots" and provided additional justification for eliminating other alternatives. An Open House was held on September 12, 1984 to accept public comments and questions on the fast-track Feasibility Study. Work continued in response to early comments on the fast-track Feasibility Study.
- Plans were finalized for surveying and drilling at Sullivan's Ledge (Task 10). This was in anticipation of the initiation of drilling during the week of October 1, 1984.
- Battelle initiated sampling in Buzzards Bay and New Bedford Harbor on September 13, 1984 (Task 9). Other work in progress includes a review of pertinent literature, and model development including modifications recommended by the various experts involved (Task 8).
- A meeting was held to resolve all technical issues for Task 19 (Laboratory Analysis). The technical specifications for the Laboratory Analysis are near completion.
- A review of previous studies is underway regarding the New Bedford Landfill (Task 11).

2. Problems Resolved:

- A decision was made to utilize GC/MS for PCB analysis of all harbor samples. This decision has resolved concerns regarding the potential inadequacies of using GC alone.
- Modifications were made to the technical specifications for drilling at Sullivan's Ledge. This was due to comments received from EPA and from a final review completed by the Remedial Planning Office (REMPO).

3. Anticipated Problem Areas and Recommended Solutions:

- The budget overruns for drilling and surveying at Sullivan's Ledge remain in effect, but efforts have been made to reduce these overruns. The drilling program has been modified and the surveying will be limited to the actual site. The regional map will be prepared using existing 1983 photographs.

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4. Deliverables Submitted:

- September 12, 1984: The Addendum to the fast-track Feasibility Study Report was submitted to the EPA for review and comment.
- September 28, 1984: The Site Operations Plan for the Sullivan's Ledge investigation was submitted to the EPA for review and comment.

5. Upcoming Events:

- A Public Hearing on the fast-track Feasibility Study is scheduled for October 25, 1984.
- Drilling and surveying at Sullivan's Ledge will commence during the week of October 1, 1984. A meeting at the site will be held on October 1, 1984 to finalize all well locations and to resolve all technical issues remaining.
- A more detailed Work Plan will be prepared for the Ambient Air Testing Program (Task 12).
- The Request for Proposal for Laboratory Analysis of Harbor Samples will be completed and issued to Small Disadvantaged Businesses.

6. Activities Planned:

- Work will continue on responses to comments received on the fast-track Feasibility Study, and a Responsiveness Summary will be prepared.
- Drilling and other activities at Sullivan's Ledge will continue, with anticipated completion of drilling in mid to late November.
- Harbor sampling and the collection of oceanographic monitoring data will continue to support the Modeling Study (Task 8 and 9). Experimental work to support the model will be initiated.
- Interviews will be held with local officials and other knowledgeable local residents regarding undisclosed sources and sites of contamination in the New Bedford area (Task 14).

7. Key Personnel Changes:

- Ms. Joan Knapp joined the REMPO project team to provide general project management assistance to the Project Manager and to be a Task Leader for Task 14.

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8. Subcontracting: No Change

9. Travel:

- September 11, 1984: The NUS Project Manager and technical staff members met with EPA personnel and personnel from Battelle at EPA's New England Research Laboratory to discuss and resolve the final technical issues regarding the laboratory analysis program.
- September 12, 1984: The NUS Project Manager met with the Battelle project manager to update the progress of Tasks 8 and 9, and to discuss future plans.
- September 12, 1984: The NUS Project Manager and a technical staff member attended an Open House in New Bedford to discuss the fast-track Feasibility Study.

10. Contract Laboratory Program: No Involvement

11. Schedule Changes:

- A decision was made to postpone the Ambient Air Testing Program (Task 12) until early Summer, 1985. This was due to technical reasons, since potential volatilization will not be adequately accounted for if the testing was to occur between now and next summer.