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U.S. v. AVX Original Litigation Document

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

Dear Mr. Cheeseman:

Enclosed please find the Work Assignment Status Report prepared by NUS Corporation for October, 1984.

Very truly yours,

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WORK ASSIGNMENT STATUS REPORT  
EPA CONTRACT NO. 68-01-6699, MOD. NO. 28, 53, AND 106  
WORK ASSIGNMENT NO. 28-1L43.2  
NEW BEDFORD SITE  
BRISTOL COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS  
NUS PROJECT NO. S725 (0725)

Activity: Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study

% Completed: 19

1. Progress this Period - October 1984:

- Remedial Planning Office (REMPO) personnel attended a Public Hearing on the fast-track Feasibility Study (FS)(Task 16). Work continued in response to comments on this study. A review was made of additional work that would be required to satisfy a section 404 permit application.
- Drilling commenced and is near completion at Sullivan's Ledge (Task 10). Surveying and sample collection/screening were conducted. Work proceeded on other investigative and analytical subtasks of Task 10.
- Battelle completed the first two rounds of sampling in Buzzard's Bay and New Bedford Harbor (Task 9). Woods Hole initiated the collection of oceanographic data. Other work in progress by the Battelle team includes the experimental support program and model development and revision (Task 8).
- The bid package for the Laboratory Analysis (Task 19) was completed and is undergoing final review. In cooperation with EPA's Cincinnati Laboratory, work was initiated to validate a test sample for use in the testing and selection of a laboratory.
- A review of previous studies was completed in order to evaluate the hydrogeologic setting of the New Bedford Landfill (Task 11). A more comprehensive study of groundwater resources in the vicinity of the Acushnet River Estuary was also initiated (Task 13).
- Interviews with appropriate officials were held to investigate undisclosed sources and sites in Task 14.
- Requests for information issued by the Principal Responsible Parties were acted upon (Task 20).

2. Problems Resolved:

- The EPA's Cincinnati Research Laboratory supported the development of technical specifications for PCB analysis in Task 19, thereby minimizing potential misunderstandings among the parties involved.
- Field-based modifications to the drilling program at Sullivan's Ledge and the use of interim sample collection and screening have helped to optimize the number and location of monitoring wells.
- Battelle and Woods Hole were able to resolve all contractual difficulties with help from the Zone Project Management Office (ZPMO), REMPO, and EPA personnel.

3. Anticipated Problem Areas and Recommended Solutions:

- Property access problems may restrict the installation of monitoring wells at preferred locations near Sullivan's Ledge.
- Significant technical issues have delayed the completion of the bid package for Task 19. To expedite the process, direct support was provided by Battelle and EPA's Cincinnati Laboratory.
- Litigation-related activities are being required which could restrict the availability of critical staff members to maintain progress of other tasks.

4. Deliverables Submitted: None

5. Upcoming Events:

- The public comment period for the fast-track FS will close on November 15, 1984.
- Drilling at Sullivan's Ledge will be completed prior to November 15, 1984.
- The bid package for laboratory analysis will be sent to Small Disadvantaged Businesses during the week of November 5, 1984.

6. Activities Planned:

- Work will continue on responses to comments received on the fast-track FS, and a Responsiveness Summary will be prepared.
- Upon completion of well installation at Sullivan's Ledge, field sampling will take place and analysis of hydrogeologic field data will begin.

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- The November harbor sampling program will take place. Other activities for Tasks 8 and 9 will continue.
- Responses to the Laboratory Analysis bid package will be received and reviewed, and a laboratory will be selected.
- Various activities of other tasks will continue as described above.

7. Key Personnel Changes: None

8. Subcontracting:

M & M Enterprises, using Hurdis Drilling, initiated and is nearing completion of drilling at Sullivan's Ledge. No other changes.

9. Travel:

- October 1, 1984: The REMPO Project Manager and Geologist met at Sullivan's Ledge, with EPA personnel and the drilling subcontractor, to resolve several technical issues.
- Week of October 1, 1984: REMPO surveyors and health and safety personnel performed surveying and training work, respectively, at Sullivan's Ledge.
- October 8, 1984: The REMPO Project Manager met with NUS' atmospheric scientists in Gaithersburg, Maryland, to discuss the ambient air testing program (Task 12), and met with ZPMO's personnel in relation to contracting issues.
- October 9, 1984: REMPO and ZPMO personnel met in Boston with the EPA and Battelle, to resolve all remaining issues regarding the Laboratory Analysis bid package.
- October 25-26, 1984: REMPO personnel conducted interviews in support of Task 14. These same individuals attended the Public Hearing on October 25.
- October 29, 1984: REMPO's Earth Sciences Manager visited Sullivan's Ledge to assess the progress of drilling and to recommend additional hydrogeologic testing opportunities.

10. Contract Laboratory Program: No Involvement

11. Schedule Changes: None