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Re: November 2011 Monthly Progress Report
Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent for Removal Action
U.S. EPA Region 10 Docket No. CERCLA 10-2009-0255
Gasco Sediments Site within the Portland Harbor Superfund Site

Project Number: 000029-02.28

Dear Mr. Sheldrake:

This monthly progress report provides information required by Section VIII, Paragraph 26, of the Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent for Removal Action (Order) for actions take in November 2011 at the Gasco Sediments Site within the Portland Harbor Superfund Site.

1. ACTIONS TAKEN IN THIS MONTH AND PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED

The following actions and correspondences occurred in this month:

- **November 1-30** – Continued completion of data validation on the samples collected during completion of the re-sampling addendum to the *Final Project AIR and Data Gaps QAPP*.
- **October 15** – Anchor QEA submitted the Gasco Sediments Site monthly progress report to EPA.
- **October 16** – Anchor QEA conducted the monthly visual monitoring of the Gasco Early Action pilot cap area.

- **November 28** – Anchor QEA received EPA’s comments on the *Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis (EE/CA)* technical briefing provided by Anchor QEA on behalf of NW Natural and Siltronic on October 19, 2011. With regards to the EE/CA document development schedule, the comment letter stated: “Upon receipt and review of EPA comments, EPA expects NW Natural and Siltronic Corporation to propose a Draft EE/CA document development schedule and response to comments within 30 days. After EPA and NW Natural and Siltronic Corporation agree upon a schedule for delivery of the Draft EE/CA, EPA will provide a letter confirming a specific schedule modification to the SOW.”

2. RESULTS OF SAMPLING, TESTS, AND OTHER DATA RECEIVED

The results of the monthly visual monitoring of the shoreline area in the direct vicinity of the pilot cap are provided as Attachment A. The field sampling results obtained during completion of the EPA-approved *Final Project AIR and Data Gaps QAPP* and subsequent EPA-approved addendum will be reported in the *Draft EE/CA and Data Report*.

3. SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE NEXT MONTH

Anchor QEA anticipates the following activities to occur in the next month:

- Submittal of the December monthly progress report.
- Completion of monthly visual monitoring of the pilot cap area.
- Completion of the EPA-directed EPH analyses data validation.
- Submittal of NW Natural and Siltronic responses to EPA comments on the EE/CA technical briefing and a proposed start date and document development duration for the *Draft EE/CA and Data Report*.

4. ANTICIPATED PROBLEMS AND PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS

No problems or unforeseen conditions were encountered.

Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,



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Attachments:

Attachment A Monthly Visual Monitoring Report for Pilot Cap Vicinity

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Visual Observations Log Form

Date November 16, 2011 **Project Number:** 000029-02 BG-28 Task 4a

Location: NW Natural "Gasco" Site

Project Name: NW Natural – Gasco

Monitoring Period: Monthly (Year 5)—November 2011

Time Observations Started: November 16, 2011 @ 14:00 **Time Observation Concluded:** November 16, 2011 @ 15:00

Weather Conditions: Cloudy, light rain, 44° Fahrenheit, winds 5-15 knots from the southeast.

Wave Action Observations: Light wave action (0.2 – 0.4 feet in height)

Photographs Taken: Yes No

Tidal Conditions: Willamette River level on 11/16/2011 ranged in elevation from 1.78 to 5.08 feet. The Willamette River level during photos was approximately 2.80 feet measured at 14:30 (River Level Elevation Datum: Morrison Gage Height).

Observations of Erosion/Deposition: No erosion/deposition is evident along the shoreline. Four organoclay mat material segments are exposed and visible. One section of organoclay mat is 20 feet in length and is visible at the upriver extent of the cap area. Near the midpoint of the cap area shoreline, two segments 4-foot and 2-foot in width are exposed approximately 8 feet from the water's edge. A 30-foot section of mat material is exposed near the downriver extent of the cap (Photo 1).

Observations of Long-term Controls (i.e., oil booms, organo-clay mat, etc.) During the observation, the Fuel and Marine Marketing (FAMM) containment boom was placed across the cap area, between the upriver corner of the ship dock and the wooden dolphin (near the upriver extent of the site and near the Siltronic Corporation outfall). A fuel barge was moored at the ship dock. Buoys that identify the cap area to mariners are in place as installed. The position of the FAMM oil boom, warning buoys, and a general overview of the site shoreline is shown in Photo 2.

Other Comments: No sheen is evident in or around the cap area. Photo 3 shows the water surface and shoreline immediately downriver of the sediment cap.

Recorded by: **Douglas Laffoon**

Photo 1—*exposed section of organoclay mat, along the shoreline near the downriver extent of cap area (11/16/11):*



Photo 2 — *FAMM oil boom shown and mariner warning buoys in place across pilot cap area. (11/16/11):*

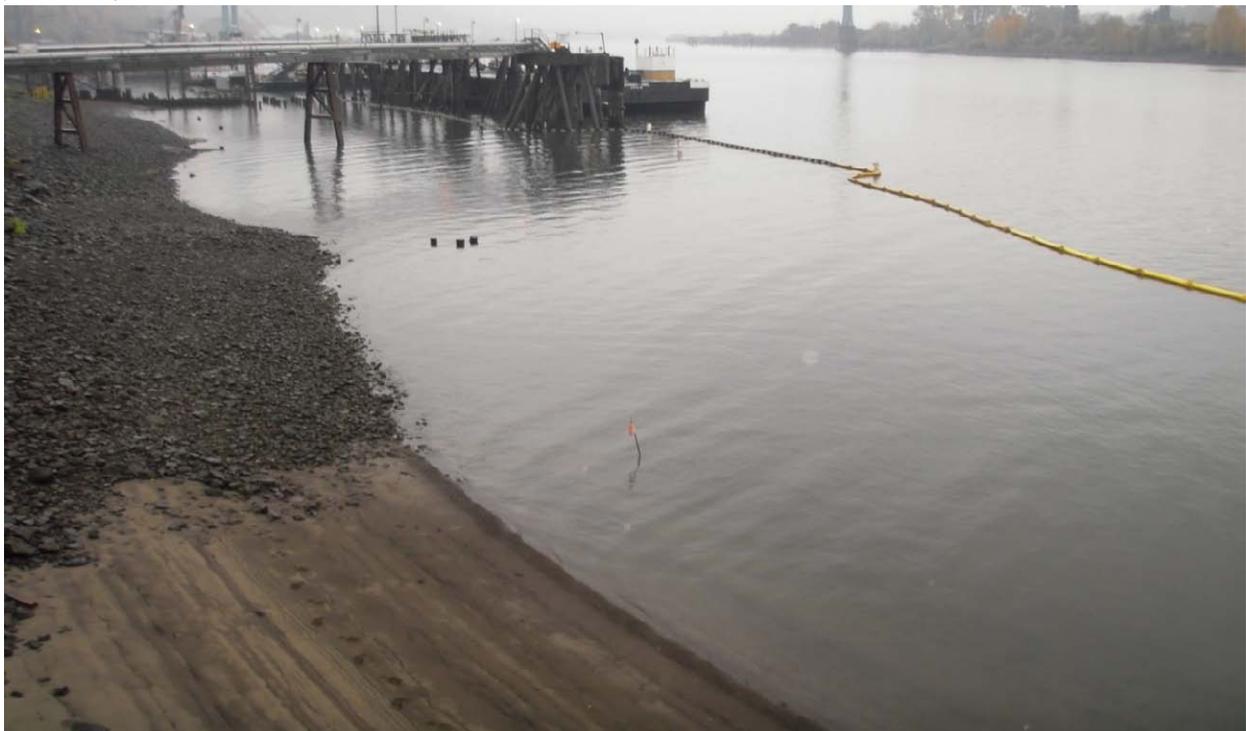


Photo 3 — *Conditions immediately downriver of cap area (11/16/11):*

