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Quarterly Progress Report No. 7, July 1, 2021 to September 30, 2021
Wausau Water Supply NLP Site
Wausau, Wisconsin, Consent Decree: 90-C-0831-C

Dear Ms. Bianchin:

GHD Services Inc. (GHD), on behalf of the Wausau Group of Responsible Parties (Group), is submitting the quarterly progress report for the Wausau Water Supply NLP Site in Wausau, Wisconsin (Site) for the reporting period of July 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021. This progress report is organized to provide information as required by the consent decree (CD).

1. Actions Taken to Comply with the CD during the Reporting Period

The annual groundwater monitoring event was completed between August 2-3, 2021.

2. Results of Sampling and Tests and Other Data

Sampling results for the annual monitoring event will be included in the 2021 Annual Monitoring Report (AMR). During the August 2021 annual groundwater monitoring event, the Group voluntarily sampled select Site wells for 1,4-dioxane (14D). The results of the 14D sampling were discussed with EPA and WDNR on the September 22, 2021 monthly project call. 14D was not detected in any of the samples collected in the August 2021 annual groundwater monitoring event.

3. Summary of Deliverables Submitted to USEPA

- Quarterly Progress Report #6 was submitted to the EPA on July 1, 2021
- The 2020 Annual Groundwater Monitoring Report was submitted to WDNR and EPA on August 13, 2021.

- The 2020 Annual Vapor Intrusion Evaluation was submitted to WDNR and EPA on August 25, 2021
- A revised CW3 Proposal and Response to Comments Letter were submitted to WDNR and EPA on September 8, 2021

4. Summary of Activities Scheduled for the Next 3 Months

- Submittal of a Soil Vapor Intrusion Report summarizing Site activities and data related to the ongoing soil vapor investigation to date (December 2021)
- Submittal of an EW1 Abandonment Work Plan (December 2021)

5. Proposed/Approved Modifications to Work Plans and/or Schedules

There are no proposed/approved modifications to work plans and/or schedules.

6. Contacts with Federal, State, and Local Officials

- Monthly project call EPA and WDNR on July 23, 2021
- Monthly Project call with EPA and WNDR on August 12, 2021
- Monthly Project call with EPA and WNDR on September 22, 2021

7. Water Treatment Facility/CW3 Update

In the WNDR and EPA letter dated August 2, 2021, written in response to the CW3 Proposal, the WDNR and EPA requested regular updates on the progress of the transition of CW3 from being a source well for City drinking water to a strictly remedial extraction well, as well as the progress of the new Water Treatment Facility. This update is meant to satisfy the WDNR and EPA's request.

Construction of the new Water Treatment Facility is approximately 75% complete. The facility is expected to begin start-up in April 2022, and likely begin providing water to the distribution system in October 2022. All below-ground work is complete and equipment is currently being installed. Programming of operations is currently being scheduled and will be completed throughout the winter.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (651) 524-6841 or at kiel.jenkin@ghd.com.

Regards,



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