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**Summary - Management Action Committee (MAC) Meeting
Centredale Manor Restoration Project
North Providence, Rhode Island**

October 7, 2003

Attendees:

Ted Bzenas, USEPA
Tom Condon, USEPA
Angela Bonarrigo, USEPA
Anna Krasko, USEPA
Lou Maccarone, RIDEM
Frank Bursie, Mayor-Town of North Providence
Eugenia Marks, Urban Rivers Team / Audubon Society
Tim Mooney, Senator Chaffee's Office
Gina DeMarco, Northern Rhode Island Conservation District
David Scotti, Loureiro Engineering Associates, Inc.

Agenda

- Field Work
- Community Outreach
- Other Items

Note: Angela Bonarrigo, USEPA, chaired the meeting.

Summary

- Field Work

Anna Krasko provided information on the status of work being performed by EPA on the RI/FS. Currently, EPA is reviewing the Draft Human Health Biota Consumption Risk Assessment (BCRA) and the Draft Baseline Ecological Risk Assessment (BERA). In addition, EPA is awaiting the results of the laboratory analysis of samples obtained from the sediment cores collected in May 2003 and analyzed for dioxin (2,3,7,8-TCDD only)

Ted Bzenas provided an overview of the work to be performed in capping the area of the former tailrace. Existing conditions of the former tailrace, including ponding water, odors, muskrats, general swampy conditions, and dioxin-impacted sediments were noted to be present in the former tailrace. Frank Bursie raised the issue of the loss of trees due to clearing and asked whether re-vegetation (planting trees) was part of the planned restoration activities. A general



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discussion ensued regarding clearing and grubbing activities and possible efforts that may be taken to preserve as many trees as possible, including provisions for working around existing trees, in lieu of re-vegetation (planting trees). Ted directed Frank to submit the Town's concerns in writing so that they could be considered and addressed along with the other comments submitted on the September 2003 Draft Work Plan.

Eugenia raised the issue of the existing *Phragmites* present within the work area, and her concern with regard to the re-establishment and spread of this invasive species upon the completion of construction activities. A general discussion ensued regarding the eradication of *Phragmites*. Eugenia also raised the issue of possible sedimentation at the ends of Steere Avenue, Grover Street, and Redfern Street.

A general discussion about the sediment trap ensued. It was explained that the sediment trap was being installed to remove sediment that enters the area of the former tailrace via the existing 24-inch corrugated metal pipe originating from Smith Street. It was noted that the specifications for the sediment trap was provided to the Rhode Island Department of Transportation (RIDOT).

- Community Outreach

Angela distributed copies of the EPA Site Update (August 2003) along with copies of the minutes from the September 2003 MAC meeting. Angela noted that an informational flyer would be distributed to the local community just before clearing activities are to begin. It was also noted that a description of the Removal Action would be posted on EPA's Removal Action website.

- Other Items

The only other item that was discussed was the schedule for upcoming MAC meetings. As tentatively scheduled, MAC meetings for the next two months are to be held on November 5, and December 2, 2003.

Follow-Up Actions

1. Eugenia to provide information on the eradication of *Phragmites*.
2. Ted to contact RIDOT regarding the sediment trap specified in the Draft Work Plan.
3. Comments on the Draft Work Plan are to be submitted so that they can be addressed in the revised plan.

End of Summary