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Management Action Committee (MAC) Meeting
April 6, 2004
Centredale Manor Restoration Project
North Providence, Rhode Island

Attendees:

Jane Sherman, President-Woonasquatucket River Watershed Council
Eugenia Marks, Urban Rivers Team / Audubon Society
David Scotti, Loureiro Engineering Associates, Inc.
Matt DeStefano, RIDEM
Lou Maccarone, RIDEM
Angela Bonarrigo, USEPA
Anna Krasko, USEPA

Agenda
Summary

! Technical Update

Handout - Contaminated Sediments Technical Advisory Group

Anna Krasko provided a handout to update everyone on the plans for the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) Contaminated Sediments Technical Advisory Group (CSTAG) to review the Centredale Manor project. CSTAG provides advice regarding large, complex, or potentially costly contaminated sediment Superfund sites. The objective of CSTAG is to provide additional expertise on these sites and to encourage national consistency in how these sites are managed (see <http://www.epa.gov/superfund/resources/sediment/cstag.htm>)

The handout provided by Anna included a list of CSTAG sites. Thus far, CSTAG has reviewed six contaminated sediment Superfund sites, and has plans to review several additional sites, including the Centredale Manor site, this year.

The handout provided by Anna also included the Operating Procedures for EPA's CSTAG. These procedures include site meetings that focus on how the eleven principles for managing contaminated sediment risks at hazardous waste sites are being considered (OSWER Directive 9285.6-08). The meetings on the Centredale Manor project are tentatively scheduled to occur on July 14th and July 15th.



On the first day, the meetings will consist of two, one-half day sessions: (i) a session to be attended by EPA staff and EPA contractors at which time EPA will provide an overview of the Centredale Manor site; and (ii) a session that involves a tour of the site. On the second day, the meetings will also consist of two, one-half day sessions: (i) a session at which stakeholders (e.g., potential responsible parties, local township agencies, interest groups, the Rhode Island Department of Health, the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management, etc.) may make presentations; and (ii) a CSTAG-only session where CSTAG will begin drafting its recommendations on what needs to be done to ensure that the decisions being made are correct and that the eleven principles for managing contaminated sediment risks at hazardous waste sites are satisfied.

For those stakeholders invited by CSTAG to make presentations, CSTAG will request that a written summary of the presentation be provided at least one week prior to the planned stakeholders meeting. Each invited stakeholder will also have the opportunity to make a twenty minute oral presentation. The goal of the stakeholders meeting will be to allow CSTAG to hear different concerns and perspectives regarding the eleven principles for managing contaminated sediment risks at hazardous waste sites.

The handout provided by Anna also included the EPA's February 12, 2002 OSWER Directive 9285.6-08, outlining the eleven principles for managing contaminated sediment risks at hazardous waste sites. Lastly, the handout included a copy of the slide presentation made by Cornell Rosiu (EPA) on the EPA sediment policy at an earlier MAC meeting in February 2002.

Capping of Swale

Dave Scotti provided an update on the capping project, noting that over the next couple of weeks the remaining 150 feet of the former tailrace will be capped. During this time the site will also be restored. Site restoration activities will include landscaping the areas adjacent to the areas that have been capped as well as the grass areas disturbed by construction equipment last year.

Eugenia inquired as to any follow-up to the meeting with Mr. Serio to discuss his concerns about stormwater runoff through and surrounding his property. Lou Maccarone stated that he would check to see if there has been an update to the initial plans submitted to the RIDEM Wetlands Office for the for the post office property. Angela Bonarrigo stated that she would speak to Frank Bursie to ascertain whether or not Frank has met with the North Providence Public Works Director to identify if repairs to the stormwater drain pipe below Mr. Serio's driveway are needed. Dave mentioned that as part of the final capping activities, LCI will grade a stone Aleak-off@ in the area where the stormwater from the drain pipe enters the constructed swale.

Remedial Investigation / Feasibility Study (RI/FS)

Anna provided an update on the general schedule for the RI/FS. The report on the Human Health Risk Assessment is expected to be completed by the end of April 2004. The report on the Ecological Risk Assessment is expected to be completed by the end of June 2004. The RI/FS is expected to be completed by the fall of 2005, and the final site remedy is to be selected in 2006.

! Community Outreach

Angela stated that a press release, reviewed by the MAC, regarding the resumption of capping activities will be issued this week.

! Other Items

The next MAC meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, May 4, 2004.