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EPA RESUMES WORK FOR ON CANAL AREA AT CENTREDALE MANOR RESTORATION PROJECT

BOSTON - The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency today announced that work is resuming this week at the Centredale Manor Restoration Project in North Providence, R.I. Work was suspended over the winter due to weather.

This phase of the cleanup involves reconstruction of the tailrace (an industrial canal) behind Centredale Manor. This will prevent rainwater from leaching through dioxin-contaminated sediments in the tailrace and carrying contamination into the river. The work, which began in the fall, is being conducted by the potentially responsible parties at the site. EPA is overseeing the work.

To date, Loureiro Engineering Associates, Inc. of Plainville, CT, the contractor hired by the responsible parties to undertake the construction work, completed the following key elements of the cleanup plan:

- Installation of a new drain pipe and a sediment trap at the north end of the tailrace to control storm drain run off and sedimentation.
- Reconstruction of approximately 900 feet of the tailrace.
- Construction of a protective cap over the tailrace area.

Work will begin this week, to reconstruct the remaining 150 feet of the tailrace. The tailrace and the borders of the reconstructed area will be landscaped, and any pre-existing landscaping on the Centredale Manor and Brook Village properties that was damaged by the heavy equipment will be restored. The tailrace work, which is being performed by twelve potentially responsible parties pursuant to an Administrative Consent Order with EPA, is expected to take only a few weeks to complete.

The cleanup site is located on Smith Street in North Providence and includes the Woonasquatucket River and the floodplain between Route 44 downstream to and including Lymanville Dam.

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