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United States Environmental Protection Agency  
Region 5, Superfund Division  
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Chicago, Illinois 60604

Attn: Ms. Jenny Davison  
Remedial Project Manager  
Superfund Division

Re: Monthly Progress Report for July 2018  
Beck's Lake NPL Site / LaSalle Park Area

Dear Ms. Davison:

On behalf of the City of South Bend and Honeywell International Inc., Veritas, LLC is pleased to submit the Monthly Progress Status Report for the July 2018 reporting period as required by the Consent Order dated October 2, 2015, as amended.

Please contact the undersigned should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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**MONTHLY PROJECT STATUS REPORT FOR JULY 2018**  
**BECK'S LAKE NPL SITE / LA SALLE PARK AREA**

**1.0 PROJECT STATUS AND PROGRESS TO DATE**

- Geophysical survey completed.
- Sled hill investigation, sample collection, laboratory analysis, and validation completed.
- Beck's Lake water and sediment sample collection, laboratory analysis, and validation completed.
- Expedited Area (Charles Black Recreation Center) investigation, sampling, laboratory analyses and validation completed.
- Surface soil sampling, laboratory analyses and validation completed.
- Subsurface soil borings and sampling of soil and groundwater, laboratory analyses, and validation completed.
- Soil gas vapor point installation completed, vapor sampling, laboratory analyses and validation completed.
- Monitor well installation completed; monitor well sampling and gauging completed; laboratory analyses and validation completed.
- All monitor wells (including two installed by others), vapor wells, and staff gauge surveyed by licensed land surveyor.
- The Data Evaluation Summary Report for the Expedited Area was completed and submitted to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on November 30, 2016. Comments were received on January 6, 2017 and addressed in the Draft Expedited Area Remedial Investigation (EA RI) report.
- The Draft EA RI was submitted to the EPA on March 27, 2017. Comments were received on April 28, 2017. The response to the EPA's EA RI comments was submitted to the EPA on May 26, 2017, and indicated that in agreement with the EPA, a Final EA RI would not be submitted. The results of the EA RI were incorporated into the LaSalle Park Area (LPA) Focused RI report submitted to EPA on August 11, 2017.
- The Data Evaluation Summary Report for the LPA was submitted to the EPA on April 4, 2017. Comments were received from the EPA and the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) on May 16, 2017 and May 12, 2017, respectively. Per May 26, 2017 correspondence, the comments were addressed in the LPA Focused RI Report that was submitted on August 11, 2017.

- The Data Evaluation Summary Report for the LPA was submitted to the EPA on April 4, 2017. Comments were received from the EPA and the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) on May 16, 2017 and May 12, 2017, respectively. Per May 26, 2017 correspondence, the comments were addressed in the LPA Focused RI Report that was submitted on August 11, 2017.
- Correspondence was received from the EPA on April 14, 2017, which outlined their suggested approach for approval of the proposed Charles Black Recreation Center (CBRC) building expansion. The response was submitted May 8, 2017.
- A draft Soil Management Plan (SMP) for managing soils during construction activities at the CBRC was submitted to the EPA on July 7, 2017. EPA responded on July 28, 2017. After minor revisions, the SMP was re-submitted on August 18, 2017 and was approved by the EPA on August 21, 2017. Expansion of the CBRC has begun and the SMP has been implemented and will continue through the completion of soil excavation activity and use of the SMP expanded into the park irrigation project planned for the summer of 2018.
- EPA held a local public meeting on September 6, 2017 focused on upcoming off-site residential sampling.
- The Draft LPA RI report was submitted to the EPA on August 11, 2017. Comments were received from EPA on September 12, 2017. Following an extension by EPA on October 13, 2017 the revised RI report was submitted to EPA on October 20, 2017. The RI report was conditionally approved by EPA on November 29, 2017.
- A revised schedule culminating in the submittal of the Feasibility Study Report was submitted to the EPA on October 23, 2017 and discussed in November teleconferences.
- The Remedial Action Objectives Technical Memorandum was completed and submitted to EPA on January 5, 2018. EPA and IDEM comments were received March 8, 2018. Comments to be considered as appropriate in the ongoing development of remedial alternatives and to be incorporated into the Feasibility Study.
- Re-development and re-sampling of groundwater from all monitor wells completed in late January, early February 2018. Raw data results received on February 26, 2018 and forwarded to EPA via email. Validation later completed. Data was included in the Screening Alternatives Technical Memorandum submitted to EPA April 9, 2018; EPA has not commented as of the date of this Progress Report.
- EPA and IDEM comments on SLERA Attachment 4 received March 30, 2018; response to comments and revised SLERA submitted to EPA on April 30, 2018. No EPA response received as of the date of this Progress Report.

## **2.0 SUMMARY OF RELEVANT FINDINGS**

- The exposure route and receptor of concern identified in the BHHRA is the inhalation pathway (i.e., dust) for the construction worker. A Soil Management Plan was written and approved by EPA, and implemented for managing this potential risk to CBRC expansion and other construction workers.

## **3.0 SUMMARY OF CHANGES MADE TO FIELD ACTIVITIES**

None this reporting period.

## **4.0 SUMMARY OF DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED**

None this reporting period.

## **5.0 SUMMARY OF ACTION TAKEN TO RECTIFY DIFFICULTIES**

None required this reporting period.

## **6.0 SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES TO BE PERFORMED IN AUGUST 2018**

- Receipt of EPA comments on the Screening Alternatives Technical Memorandum (SATM) has been put on hold by EPA pending PRP decision to extend sampling to outside of the LPA. EPA to make decision to move on to Comparative Analysis Technical Memorandum or move on to the Feasibility Study. Expecting SMP Addendum approval by EPA to allow for completion of irrigation system and other projects in LPA.

## **7.0 KEY PERSONNEL CHANGES**

- Richard Brown retired from WSP on June 29, 2018. The PRPs subsequently requested he remain as Project Coordinator under his own entity Veritas, LLC.
- Project Manager and Field Supervisor R. Joseph Trojan resigned the employ of WSP on June 29, 2018 and joined a local firm – JPR Engineering.

## **8.0 DEVIATIONS FROM THE PROPOSED SCHEDULE**

- Schedule is on hold per Item 6.0