



December 10, 2019

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**Subject: Monthly Design Progress Report No. 113 – November 2019
Blackburn & Union Privileges Superfund Site
Walpole, MA**

Dear Mr. Fisher:

This Monthly Progress Report is submitted to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) in compliance with reporting requirements (Section XI, paragraph 31) of the Consent Decree, Civil Action No. 1:10-cv-11263 for the Blackburn & Union Privileges Superfund Site located in Walpole, Massachusetts. This Report covers the period from November 1 - 30, 2019, and is submitted on behalf of the Settling Defendants to the Consent Decree.

Please contact one of the designated Project Coordinators (David Kelley 774.284.2207 or Paul Bucens 617.899.0354) should you have any questions concerning this Report.

Sincerely,

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For November 2019**

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This Monthly Progress Report is submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) documenting the activities completed during the month of November 2019 at the Blackburn & Union Privileges Superfund Site.

1. Activities that have been taken toward achieving compliance with the Consent Decree (including work plans, plans and other deliverables completed and submitted to USEPA/MassDEP):

- a. At the West of South Street Site, continued full-time operation of the groundwater treatment system, continued treatment system optimization activities, and continued preparation of a supplement to the draft construction completion report.
- b. Continued preparation of a construction completion report for the Lewis Pond Sediment and Floodplain Soil Remedial Action.
- c. Continued preparation of a report from the visual inspection and shape measurements of the culvert.
- d. Continued preparation of a report following completion of a surface water and groundwater monitoring event at the site on October 10, 2019.
- e. Continued preparation of reports from the fall 2019 post-restoration vegetative monitoring inspection of the restored wetland area at the Former Mill Tailrace (FMT).
- f. Continue review of proposed use limitations and land area to be subject to such limitations with USEPA, MassDEP, and the Town of Walpole and preparation to conduct a title search and land survey accordingly.
- g. On November 13, 2019 submitted to the USEPA a report from the fall 2019 post-monitoring inspection of the wetland area East of South Street (EOS) (at the base of the SB14/15 Area).

2. Summary of results of sampling, tests and all other data received or generated:

- a. None this reporting period.

3. Activities planned for the next month and schedule update:

- a. Planned activities associated with the Groundwater and Surface Water remedy, West of South Street include continue full-time operation of the groundwater treatment system and continue preparation of a supplement to the draft construction completion report.
- b. Continue preparation of a draft construction completion report for the Lewis Pond Sediment and Floodplain Soil Remedial Action.
- c. Continue report preparation from the Fall 2019 post-restoration monitoring inspections of the restored wetland area at the FMT.
- d. Continue report preparation from the detailed visual inspection and shape measurements of the culvert.

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- e. Continue report preparation from the surface water and groundwater sampling event conducted at the Site.
 - f. Continue review of proposed use limitations and land area to be subject to such limitations with USEPA, MassDEP, and the Town of Walpole and preparation to conduct a title search and land survey accordingly.
- 4. Delays encountered or anticipated that may affect the future schedule for implementation of the work and associated mitigation efforts:**
- a. None this reporting period.
- 5. Work plan or schedule modifications proposed to USEPA or approved by USEPA:**
- a. Per e-mail correspondence on November 7, 2019 and concurrence from USEPA on November 12, 2019, the frequency of the Site progress reports will be revised to quarterly beginning in 2020.
- 6. Activities undertaken in support of the Community Relations Plan during the previous month and planned for the following month:**
- a. The Settling Defendants will continue to support USEPA in its communications with the local residents and other stakeholders relative to remedial action implementation. This includes providing updates on the work completed at the West of South Street Site and at the Lewis Pond Site.