WEEKLY PROGRESS UPDATE FOR JUNE 16-20, 1997

EPA REGION I ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER SDWA I-97-1019 MASSACHUSETTS MILITARY RESERVATION TRAINING RANGE AND IMPACT AREA

The following summary of progress is for the period from June 16 to 20, 1997.

1. SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN

Ogden, CMS Environmental (the UXO contractor), and T.F. Moran (the UXO contractor's surveyor) continued work on the site during the week of 6/16. A 570-foot access road (114 flags) was cleared into the bottom of Area 1 (Valley), and a 200-foot by 200-foot drilling and sampling location (243 flags) at the bottom of Area 1 was cleared. A 200-foot by 200-foot drilling and sampling location (367 flags) at Area 3 (NE corner Turpentine/Tank Alley) was cleared. A 200-foot by 200-foot drilling and sampling location in the center of Area 2 (south of Five Corners) straddling Turpentine Road was in the process of being cleared, but is now being abandoned due to revised well locations discussed with EPA on 6/18.

A meeting with EPA, MADEP, and other stakeholders was held on June 18 at MADEP's Southeast Region Office. Comments on the Draft Final Action Plan were discussed and resolved. Two significant revisions to the work plan were identified: (1) a change to the surface soil sampling protocol, including sample locations, numbers of samples, and compositing strategy; and (2) changes in monitoring well locations and addition of five new monitoring wells. Additional responses to comments will be discussed next week during a meeting scheduled for June 26.

Ogden prepared the draft Range Use History Report and the draft Chemical Composition of Munitions Report for a June 18 submittal to EPA. Significant data gaps remain in these preliminary versions of these reports, as discussed with EPA during the meeting on June 18. Ogden proposes completing these draft reports for submittal to EPA on July 3, 1997.

Ogden received most of the Standard Operating Procedures from ITS (the laboratory contractor) on 6/20. These will be immediately forwarded to EPA for review in accordance with a conference call between Ogden, EPA, and ITS on 6/13/97. MDL studies are currently being completed and will be forwarded to EPA for review when available.

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2. SUMMARY OF DATA RECEIVED

Daily reports of UXO survey results were received by Ogden on June 20 and are summarized in section 1 above.

3. DELIVERABLES SUBMITTED

Deliverables submitted during the reporting period included the following:

Draft Range Use History Report

Draft Chemical Composition of Munitions Report

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4. SCHEDULED ACTIONS

UXO Surveys will continue during the week of June 23 with sweeps of Area 6 (Burn), Area 7 (Burn), and drilling locations around the perimeter of the Buffer Zone. Sweeps of Areas 4 and 5 have been delayed pending evaluation of the potential for a radiological hazard in these areas, considering the historic report of depleted uranium use. A contract modification to allow a radiological survey to be performed in these areas is currently underway.

Archive search interviews and data collection will continue during the week of June 23. Specific data missing from the preliminary submittals is itemized in an attachment to the June 18 transmittal letter. This list will be updated based on the June 18 meeting and resubmitted to EPA on June 23.

NGB will meet with USEPA and MADEP at the DEP Southeast Region Office on June 26 to discuss comments on the Draft Final Action Plan.

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