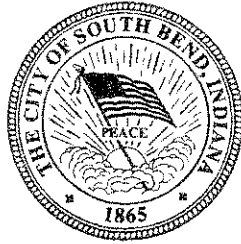


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April 30, 2003

Ms. Peggy Dorsey
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100 N. Senate Ave
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Dear Peggy:

I want to express our thanks to you and Ruth for coming to South Bend last week to discuss our VRP applications for the Studebaker/Oliver project. I think we accomplished a lot and Andy and I were glad to take you on the brief tour of the project area. As we agreed at the meeting, we are looking at having four VRA's: Area A Soils, Area B Soils, Area C Soils and Area A, B, C Groundwater. We will be working on the applications for Area B Soils and Area A, B, C groundwater and hope to submit them by mid May. You stated that all four VRA's could be handled under the 1996 Guidance rather than RISC and you would be putting a memo in the file to that effect. Please send us a letter verifying that we can use the 1996 Guidance as our framework for planning the remediation.

After you left we discussed the submission of various documents to you. You should have copies of the following reports from Envirocorp:

- Phase I Environmental Site Assessment
Oliver Plow Works (Vacant)
533 S. Chapin Street
South Bend, Indiana
Project No. 80Z4411
July 1998
- Phase II Site Assessment
Former Oliver Plow Works
533 S. Chapin
South Bend, Indiana
Project No. 80Z2110
November 1999

- Phase II Site Assessment Addendum
Former Oliver Plow Works
January 11 ,2000

Please let us know if you do not have these documents and I will send you copies.

Hull & Associates is revising the draft Work Plan for Area C to have it relate to soils only. The groundwater portion will be removed and submitted at a later date along with the Work Plan for the Area A, B, C groundwater. The Area C Work Plan will be submitted to you by the end of May. Hull will also include copies of additional tests done at the site since the Envirocorp Phase II and reports on any environmental activities we have encountered during demolition of the Oliver property.

Following submittal of the Area C Work Plan, Hull will make a partial revision of the Area A Initial Phase II Environmental Assessment to make the tables relate to 1996 VRP guidance instead of RISC. This should be submitted to you by mid-June. Hull will then prepare the Area A Soils Work Plan. As we told you, we have just been approved for a Brownfield Assessment Grant from the Indiana Development Finance Authority to determine the extent of an environmental problem at the stamping plant site. Hull will not submit the Work Plan for Area A Soils until that testing is concluded and the results can be incorporated into the Work Plan. We estimate that the Area A Work Plan will be submitted about six weeks following completion of the testing.

The Work Plans for Area B Soils and Area A,B C Groundwater will be prepared later, as we move forward with our activities in the area. In the meantime, George Plews will be contacting Tom Baker to discuss the form of institutional controls that we are looking at implementing.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need to discuss this further. We are excited about moving forward with the VRP.

Sincerely,

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Senior Redevelopment Specialist

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