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GREENWICH HIGH SCHOOL ENVIRONMENTAL TESTING UPDATE

Summer 2017 Status

Highlights:

- **The Site is safe for use** – the Site continues to be safe and parking areas and athletic fields are available for use. Some fenced areas remain.
- The Site is enrolled in the Connecticut Voluntary Remediation Program.
- Routine monitoring of the site continues along with additional data collection.
- The Town continues to work with State and Federal Agencies on remaining elements of the proposed Work Plan.

Background

The Town of Greenwich along with the Greenwich Public Schools Board of Education (BOE) submitted an Environmental Conditions Assessment Form (ECAAF) for the Greenwich High School property, which enters the Site into the Voluntary Remediation Program (VRP) under Connecticut General Statutes (CGS) 22a-133x. The ECAAF summarizes the environmental investigations and cleanup of the High School grounds that have been completed to date. Now that the Site is in the VRP, the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CT DEEP) formally oversees remaining investigations and remediation of the site. The VRP provides a structured framework for engagement with CT DEEP.

- As part of ongoing discussion with the regulators and entry into the VRP, the Town proposed additional assessment and investigation tasks, outlined in a Work Plan. The proposed work addresses questions from the Agencies and the results will be used to inform the remedial action plan. The Work Plan focuses on additional groundwater studies and data collection to further evaluate hydrogeologic conditions at the Site. CT DEEP provided approval of certain tasks, while it continues to evaluate the remaining Work Plan elements. The approved work includes the installation of additional groundwater monitoring wells, continuous recording of groundwater elevation data at some groundwater wells, and surface water elevation monitoring.

The Town continues to work with the Agencies on this project, and may prepare additional Work Plans as needed under the VRP.

Safety of Site for Users

The Site continues to be safe for use. Walking paths or access paths to the school are open and athletic fields are open. Some limited areas between the west parking lot

and athletic fields #3 and #4 remain fenced. These areas will remain inaccessible to the general public until the final Site-wide remediation is complete.

Status of Remediation Project

The Town continues to work with the Agencies as it executes the Work Plan previously described, and will be sharing the results with them when available. This work is necessary to provide additional information that will guide how remediation strategies for the Site are finalized.

Next Steps

The continued collection of groundwater quality and site hydrogeology data will be performed over the next year (through Summer 2018). These data, as well as any additional data collected over the year, will be evaluated and incorporated into the remedial plan. The Town will continue to engage the regulatory agencies (CT DEEP, USEPA and Connecticut Department of Public Health) to obtain required approvals to support moving forward to an approved final remedial plan.

Communications

The Town and the BOE will also continue to provide the community with updates such as this one throughout ongoing regulatory review and performance of the cleanup work.

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