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## GREENWICH HIGH SCHOOL ENVIRONMENTAL TESTING UPDATE

### Status Update – Town Enters CT Voluntary Remediation Program

#### Highlights:

- *The Town plans to formally enter the Connecticut Voluntary Remediation Program in order to facilitate the approval process for Site remediation.*
- ***The Site continues to be safe*** - parking areas and athletic fields are available for use. Some fenced areas remain.
- *Routine monitoring of the site continues. Additional environmental sampling will be conducted throughout the year.*

#### Background

The Town of Greenwich, along with the Greenwich Public Schools Board of Education (BOE), submitted a Remedial Action Plan (RAP) for the Greenwich High School (GHS) site to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and the CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) in November 2013. The RAP provides the proposed details for the environmental cleanup (called the Remedial Action) of the High School grounds based on the results of the extensive studies that have identified regulated constituents that require remediation.

The Agencies provided their approval and concurrence to begin some of the remediation work, which was done during the summers of 2014 and 2015. This work included:

- Removing impacted soil on the south side of the GHS grounds, and testing remaining soil to ensure impacted soil has been removed. This area was then restored, which included planting islands in the southern parking lot, as well as planting trees and shrubs throughout the southern portion of the site.
- Expanding the west parking lot on the GHS grounds and relocating and grading the stockpiled clean soil piles that have been placed between the existing parking lot and athletic fields #3 and #4.
- Installing site utilities, such as stormwater collection and detention structures, and parking lot lighting.

#### Safety of Site for Users

The Site is safe for use. All walking paths or access paths to the school are open and all 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 has elected to enter the Connecticut Voluntary Remediation Program (VRP) in order to establish a more structured framework for DEEP review and approval of the RAP. The VRP is a DEEP program, available to any entity to facilitate property remediation in Connecticut. The regulators have indicated that a formal program allows them to more effectively engage with the Town in the final RAP preparation.

The Town and BOE have been in continuous communication with EPA and DEEP to review questions associated with findings of the extensive environmental study of the Site. The Town has prepared a Work Plan to conduct additional monitoring and collect additional data to respond to specific questions raised by EPA and DEEP. The Work Plan, submitted in August 2016, will be reviewed by EPA and DEEP, and includes additional groundwater studies and data collection to further evaluate Site conditions.

Ongoing site inspections and groundwater monitoring continue. The Site is stable and no offsite impacts have been identified.

#### Next Steps

The Work Plan described above will be implemented. The environmental data collected will be evaluated and the RAP will be updated, if necessary, and submitted to EPA and DEEP for review and approval.

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