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GREENWICH HIGH SCHOOL ENVIRONMENTAL TESTING UPDATE

Project 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 now a part of the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Voluntary Remediation Program.*
- *Routine monitoring of the site continues along with additional environmental investigation, data collection and minor remediation.*
- *The Town continues to work with State and Federal Agencies to obtain approval for the remaining elements of the proposed Work Plans.*

Background

The Greenwich High School site is located at 10 Hillside Road in Greenwich, Connecticut. The site is a public high school and encompasses approximately 55 acres including the school building, parking areas and athletic fields. In mid-July 2011, during activities associated with the GHS Music Instructional Space Auditorium (MISA) project, unexpected soil conditions were discovered in the west parking lot at the high school. This finding prompted several rounds of environmental testing at the site, the initial findings of which indicated that levels of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) were present in soil at concentrations above state and federal standards.

Investigation and Remediation Activities

Since the initial discovery of PCB impacts to soil, several rounds of environmental testing have been completed to evaluate the nature and extent of soil impacts throughout the site. Interim remedial actions have also been performed to address areas on the southern portion of the site, as well as facilitate the expansion and repaving of the western parking lot. The schedule for performing these activities was designed to minimize impacts to the high school and associated scholastic activities.

Therefore, the environmental testing and remediation activities have occurred during school breaks (winter, spring, summer) to the extent possible. This has resulted in a timeline that may be extended more than would be expected for a remediation project at a typical industrial or commercial site where work can be performed throughout the year.

Throughout the environmental testing and remediation process, the Town of Greenwich (the Town) has engaged the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CTDEEP), the Connecticut

Department of Public Health (CTDPH), as well as local boards and commissions to communicate ongoing testing activities as well testing results.

Next Steps

The Town expects additional site investigation, minor remediation and athletic field repairs, monitoring activities and coordination with the regulatory agencies through the fall of 2018. Comprehensive site investigation is winding down although environmental monitoring will continue. Some additional investigation may also be necessary as coordination with the regulatory agencies continues. Technical document preparation and regulatory review is expected to be conducted through late 2018 and into early 2019. This could allow the next phase of remediation activities to begin during the summer of 2019. Remediation activities will likely be performed during school breaks to minimize disruption to school activities.

Communications

The Town and the BOE will 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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