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GREENWICH HIGH SCHOOL ENVIRONMENTAL TESTING UPDATE

Progress Update and Summer 2014 Remediation Plans

Highlights:

Remediation Activities Will Begin Summer 2014

As a result of the extensive testing, analysis, and reporting to the regulatory community, approval has been obtained to begin remediation work this summer on the south side of the Greenwich High School (GHS) grounds. This will allow the Town to remediate this area, as it continues working with the regulators to obtain approval of the Remedial Action Plan for the remainder of the site.

Remediation activities will occur in the areas shown in the figures posted to the web site. Compounds that will be addressed by this cleanup include arsenic, benzo-a-pyrene, and pesticides. Work will be completed in accordance with the Remedial Action Plan designed for this portion of the Site. Tasks include constructing a staging area for contractor access from Route 1 into the property, removing vegetation in areas where soils will be excavated and replaced, followed by the actual excavation, testing, soil replacement, and restoration activities. Final landscaping and site restoration activities for the area are planned for Summer 2015.

Project Schedule and Safety Measures

The Town is currently bidding the project, with the goal of beginning onsite work as early as Monday, June 2, 2014. Initial tasks, coordinated with the Board of Education (BOE), will center on preparing the site for the excavation work. This will involve clearing specific areas of vegetation.

During the project, the Town will have a full-time inspector on site to monitor activities. Throughout all work on site, controls will be instituted so that work can be performed efficiently and safely, with monitoring when and where needed.

Activities will wrap up in mid-August, to allow fall sports and school activities to be resumed as normal. The contractor will continue to access the southern area to make sure that restored turf is watered and sedimentation and erosion controls remain in place as required; excavation will have ceased.

School Access

There are no student or staff programs scheduled to be conducted at the high school this summer. Access to the building will be minimized.

During the project, students who walk to school from the south via the tennis courts area will be provided with a clearly marked path to bring them to campus.

As coordinated with the BOE, once school is out, GHS's south side will be closed for the summer to allow cleanup activities to proceed unimpeded.

Summer Sports

The Town is working with the MISA Building Committee, the BOE, and Parks and Recreation to determine if any fields may be available for summer play, provided there are no conflicts with the significant amount of work expected onsite over the summer holiday. The tennis courts will be closed, as will Cardinal Stadium and the school's pool. All interim measures at the site continue to be in effect and the fields continue to be safe for use.

Contractor Prequalification

The Town conducted a thorough contractor prequalification program over late winter / early spring, to develop a list of contracting firms that would be permitted to bid on the cleanup work at the GHS site. This included evaluation of each contractor's experience with this type of work, safety history and familiarity with the required health and safety plans, and most importantly, capacity to execute the project phases in the tight timeframes needed. This process has resulted in six firms being pre-qualified.

Other Investigations and Ongoing Monitoring

The Town will be conducting a condition assessment of the GHS major site drainage network during the school's spring holiday. This will examine storm drains currently in place at the Site and evaluate if any repairs are required, as well as what type of technique is most appropriate – in other words, whether the necessary repairs need to require excavation or if a trenchless technology can be applied. Should excavation be necessary, this work can be incorporated into the Site cleanup activities to take advantage of the experienced contractor and work already underway. Condition assessment results will be incorporated into work planned for Summer 2015 and 2016, as needed.

As a part of the ongoing evaluation and cleanup program for the GHS Site, groundwater sampling and monitoring has been conducted and will continue into the future. A round of groundwater sampling was completed in August 2013 and the results of this event and other events over the last year have been summarized in an Annual Groundwater Monitoring Report. The results show that Site conditions remain consistent and that groundwater impacts are limited to the Site and are not migrating off the property.

Future Communications

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

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