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GREENWICH HIGH SCHOOL ENVIRONMENTAL TESTING UPDATE

September Status of Remediation Activities

Highlights:

- *Work is almost completed on the Summer 2015 phase of the environmental remediation of the Greenwich High School (GHS) grounds.*
- **The Site is safe for use** – *the Site continues to be safe and parking areas and athletic fields are ready for use. Some fenced areas remain.*
- *Specific work that has been completed this summer includes:*
 - *Expansion of the west parking lot,*
 - *Installation of the stormwater collection system, and*
 - *Installation of parking lot lighting, pavement markings, and new pavement.*
- *This work has improved traffic safety and provided improvements to stormwater management at the Site.*
- *Landscaping work on the south side will occur during Fall 2015.*

Status of Remediation Project

Work continued this summer in the west parking lot on the Greenwich High School (GHS) grounds. The lot was expanded in line with plans developed as part of the Music Instructional Space Auditorium (MISA) project. The Interim Remedial Measures (IRMs) put in place in response to the identification of on-site impacted soils were modified to accommodate the parking lot expansion. The parking lot expansion creates additional parking spaces and improves traffic flow. Bus traffic will be routed through this lot while construction is underway on the front of the building. The entire lot has been repaved and striped in accordance with the approved MISA plans.

The work completed this summer also included the relocation and grading of stockpiled soil that had been placed between the existing parking limits and athletic fields #3 and #4. Site utilities such as stormwater collection and detention structures and parking lot lighting were also installed.

Work remaining to be completed includes adding topsoil to the soil stockpiles near the west parking lot and adjacent to the tennis courts. This work will be scheduled with the Greenwich Schools Board of Education (BOE) to avoid interference with school activities.

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 new limits of 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.

South Side Landscaping

During Summer 2014, work was undertaken to address soils on the southern portion of the site. Plans to landscape the area were prepared and bid, and work is proceeding to put the contract in place for Fall 2015 planting. The work will include planting the islands in the southern parking lot, as well as planting many trees and shrubs throughout the southern portion of the site. The project schedule will be coordinated with the BOE.

Next Steps

The continued collection of data concerning groundwater quality and site hydrogeology will be performed in response to questions from the regulators. These data will be evaluated further, and responses will be provided to the regulators' questions. After discussion of these data with the regulators, we expect that the RAP will be finalized.

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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