

July 2, 2015

## GREENWICH HIGH SCHOOL ENVIRONMENTAL TESTING UPDATE

# Remediation Activities Underway for 2015

### Highlights:

*Summer 2015 work has begun on the environmental remediation of the Greenwich High School (GHS) grounds*

- *Remediation and restoration work is kicking off for Summer 2015 at the west parking lot of the GHS grounds.*
- *Specific work to take place this summer includes:*
  - *expansion of the west parking lot,*
  - *installing stormwater collection and detention systems,*
  - *installing parking lot lighting,*
  - *relocating and grading the existing stockpiled soil, and*
  - *limited excavation and disposal of impacted soil with resurfacing and striping of the back portion of the parking lot.*
- *Work will begin the week of June 22 and will wrap up by August 26th, to allow fall sports and school activities to be resumed as normal.*

### Remediation Project Summary

Work will continue this summer in the west parking lot on the Greenwich High School (GHS) grounds. This work will allow for the expansion of this parking lot in accordance with plans developed as part of the Music Instruction Space Auditorium (MISA) project.

The Interim Remedial Measures (IRMs) put in place in response to the identification of on-site impacted soils will be modified to accommodate the parking lot expansion. This planned expansion will improve parking lot congestion and allow bus traffic to flow through this parking lot.

The work will also include relocating and grading the stockpiled soil currently placed between the existing parking limits and athletic fields #3 and #4. This stockpiled soil is suitable for use on site, and is to be used for future remediation activities. Site utilities such as stormwater collection and detention structures and parking lot lighting, will also be installed. Finally, the back section of the parking area will be repaved and striped in accordance with plans developed and approved for the MISA project.

### Safety of Site for Users

The site high school, and athletic fields continue to be safe for use.

The comprehensive environmental study conducted on the Site, which included a Human Health Risk Assessment completed in accordance with Federal Environmental Protection Agency guidelines, confirmed that the cleanup measures taken in the fall of 2012 (when surface soil was removed from several areas around the athletic fields) were protective (impacted areas were removed), and that no new impacted surface areas were found. Both Federal and State regulators have been involved throughout the study and the Risk Assessment.

The remaining impacts that will be addressed in future cleanup actions at the Site are located beneath the surface, where people are not coming in contact with the material.

## Project Schedule and Safety Measures

During the project, there will be a full-time environmental 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 air monitoring when and where needed.

Activities will wrap up by August 26th, to allow fall sports and school activities to be resumed as normal. Football practice, which begins on August 17, will be accommodated.

## School and Athletic Field Access during Project

As coordinated with the Greenwich Schools Board of Education (BOE) and Parks and Recreation, GHS will be closed for the summer to allow the work to proceed unimpeded.

There are no student or staff programs scheduled at the high school this summer. No sports activities are scheduled over the summer, and all fields will be closed.

All parking lots will be available again when school is back in operation.

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## Future Communications

The Town continues to work collaboratively with State and Federal regulators on a final remediation plan for the Site.

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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