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GREENWICH HIGH SCHOOL ENVIRONMENTAL TESTING UPDATE

Status Update

Highlights:

- *The Site continues to be safe and parking areas and athletic fields are available for use. Some fenced areas remain.*
- *Routine monitoring of the site continues.*
- *The Town continues to work with State and Federal Agencies to obtain approval for the remaining elements of the remedial plan.*

Background

The Town of Greenwich along with the Greenwich Public Schools Board of Education submitted the 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 details for the environmental cleanup (called the Remedial Action) of the High School grounds based on the results of the extensive studies that have been completed.

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

- Removing impacted soil on the south side of the GHS grounds, and testing of 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.

In addition to the remedial work describe above, the Town also completed construction activities at the GHS site during the summer of 2015. The construction activities included:

- Expanding the west parking lot on the GHS grounds and relocating and grading the 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.

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.

Status of Remediation Project

The Town continues to work with the Agencies to obtain approval for the remaining elements of the RAP. Recently, the Town prepared a Work Plan to conduct additional monitoring and collect additional data to respond to specific questions pertaining to groundwater conditions at the GHS site. The Work Plan includes additional groundwater studies and data collection to further evaluate hydrogeologic conditions.

Next Steps

The continued collection of data concerning groundwater quality and site hydrogeology will be performed over the next year (through summer 2017). The data will be evaluated further, and responses will be provided to address the regulators' questions. The Town will continue to engage the regulators to obtain an approved Remedial Action Plan.

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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