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Bruce Thompson
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RE: Remedial Design Workplan and Project Operations Plan (April 2009)
Solvents Recovery Service of New England, Inc

Dear Mr. Thompson,

EPA, in consultation with CTDEP and USFWS, has completed its review of the remedial design workplan and the project operations plan, both submitted by the Settling Defendants in April 2009 in fulfillment of their obligations under paragraphs 11.a and V.C. of the March 2009 Remedial Design/Remedial Action Consent Decree (3:08cv1509(SRU) and 3:08cv1504(WWE)) and its associated Statement of Work, respectively.

At the request of the Settling Defendants, EPA expedited review of certain portions of the remedial design workplan in order to accelerate the design process. Several remedial design activities have already been approved and in some cases completed including the delineation of overburden NAPL in the northwest corner of the Operations Area; baseline habitat survey; monitoring well installation; groundwater sampling and the pre-ISTR preparation work currently underway. The purpose of this letter is to approve the remedial design workplan and project operations plan in its entirety, as amended by the following:

- Response-to-agency-comments (RTC) letter dated October 15, 2009;
- *Remedial Action Work Plan for Pre-ISTR Preparation* (April 2010), as amended by the Settling Defendants' RTC letter dated September 15, 2010;
- Remedial action construction schedule included as attachment 4 in the Settling Defendants' RTC letter dated September 15, 2010;
- Independent Quality Assurance Team Work Plan, April 2010; and
- Soils memorandum for addressing re-use of excavated material from the railroad right-of-way dated June 22, 2010.

Please submit final versions of these two documents, incorporating aforementioned amendments, within 45 days of receipt of this letter. In addition to being notified when electronic copies of the finals are available on the SRSNE project portal, EPA is requesting one hard copy.

I can be reached at 617-918-1348, should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karen Lumino".

Karen Lumino, RPM
ME/VT/CT Superfund Section

cc: Gretchen Muench, EPA
Ryan Santos, CTDEP