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VIA E-MAIL AND US MAIL

Subject: Quarterly Progress Report – 1st Quarter 2010
SRD-128, Non-Public Properties
Hamden, CT

Dear Mr. Frigon,

This Progress Report is submitted in compliance with the requirements of Consent Order SRD-128, dated April 16, 2003, Section 5, Progress Reports.

I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted in this document and all attachments thereto, and I certify, based on reasonable investigation, including my inquiry of those individuals responsible for obtaining the information, that the submitted information is true, accurate, and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that any false statement made in the submitted information is punishable as a criminal offense under §53a-157b of the Connecticut General Statutes and any other applicable law.

If you have any questions, please call me at 423-336-4540.

Sincerely,
OLIN CORPORATION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David M. Share". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

David M. Share
Director, Environmental Remediation

Attachment
cc: Newhall Remediation Project Distribution List

**QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT OF OLIN CORPORATION
NON-PUBLIC PROPERTIES
HAMDEN, CONNECTICUT**

REPORT PERIOD: January 1, 2010 through March 31, 2010

REPORT DATE: March 31, 2010

PROGRESS MADE THIS REPORTING PERIOD:

- Block A Property-Specific RAPs were submitted to the CTDEP on February 5, 2010 for 14 of the 14 properties requiring remediation.
- Draft Property-Specific RAPs were prepared for 15 Block K properties.
- Landscape property inventories were conducted in February 2010 on 6 properties requiring remediation – one in Block F, one in Block H, three in Block K, and one in Block N.
- Meetings were scheduled and conducted with property owners to discuss Property-Specific RAPs for twenty-two properties in Blocks A, H, J, and N.
- Letters were sent to CTDEP referring the following properties, for which Olin has exercised best efforts to obtain access to the Property:
 - 35 N. Sheffield Street
 - 41 N. Sheffield Street
 - 197 Goodrich Street
- Letters were submitted to CTDEP indicating that the following properties were being removed from category “Referred to CTDEP”, as Property-Specific RAPs were signed by the respective owners:
 - 14 Prospect Lane
 - 29 N. Sheffield Street
 - 35 N. Sheffield Street
 - 40 Prospect Lane
 - 92 Morse Street
 - 979-981 Winchester Avenue
- The proposed truck route from the Newhall Street Neighborhood to the Tire Pond Landfill was submitted to the Town of Hamden Police Department for their review.
- TCLP treatability study samples were collected and the TCLP treatability study initiated.
- Drawings were submitted of the proposed staging area at the Hamden Middle School to Mayor Scott Jackson for review by the town.
- The draft access agreement for a staging area from the Town of Hamden was reviewed and comments were submitted to the town.
- A conference call was held with the Regional Water Authority to coordinate use of a small portion of the Hamden Middle School property for staging of equipment during construction activities for the Non-Public Properties.
- 22 additional TCLP characterization fill samples were collected at the site on March 11, 2010.
- Subsurface samples from 275 Morse Street were collected, confirming the absence of fill

material and submitted a letter to CTDEP requesting that the property be removed from the list to be remediated.

- A pre-construction planning meeting with MACTEC and Severson was held in Hartford on February 9, 2010.
- Numerous meetings/conference calls were held with CTDEP relative to the status of the NPP remedy.

ISSUES ENCOUNTERED THIS REPORTING PERIOD:

- The unresponsiveness of property owners, and direct refusal to meet to discuss Property-Specific RAPs led to referral of 3 properties to CTDEP during the reporting period.
- Town of Hamden provided a draft copy of the access agreement for staging of construction equipment for Olin review – there will be significant revisions required for Olin to accept.
- A critical path schedule item list summarizing each potential obstacle to mobilization to the field has been submitted and updated.

ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR NEXT PERIOD:

- Develop and submit Property-Specific RAPs for Block K.
- Meet with property owners to review Property-Specific RAPs and relocation, as appropriate and to obtain access.
- Submit additional letters to CTDEP referring properties for which Olin has exercised best efforts to obtain access, as necessary.
- Continue to work with DEP on the Evaluation of Fill Compliance with RSR Criteria.
- Participate in Public Participation Meetings as scheduled by the Agency, as appropriate.
- Attend meetings and conference calls with CTDEP as appropriate.
- As deadlines for property owners to accept or reject a remedy for their property pass, develop a list of properties that will not be remediated, and will receive an Order from CTDEP.
- Prepare to mobilize to the site for construction activities provided that critical path items are addressed.