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VIA E-MAIL AND US MAIL

Subject: Quarterly Progress Report – 2nd 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', written over a horizontal line.

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: April 1, 2010 through June 30, 2010

REPORT DATE: June 30, 2010

PROGRESS MADE THIS REPORTING PERIOD:

- Block K Property-Specific RAPs were submitted to the CTDEP on May 5, 2010 for 14 of the 18 properties requiring remediation.
- Draft Property-Specific RAPs were prepared for 9 Block C properties.
- Requests for access to perform landscape property inventories were sent to property owners in Blocks E, L, and M in April 2010.
- Property Inventories in Blocks E, L, and M were initiated the week of June 28, 2010.
- Letters were sent to CTDEP referring the following properties, for which Olin has exercised best efforts to obtain access to the Property:

- 16 Edwards St.
- 17 Edwards St.
- 21-23 Edwards St.
- 25-27 Edwards St.
- 26 Edwards St.
- 29 Edwards St.
- 42 Edwards St.
- 48 Edwards St.
- 73 Marlboro St.
- 87 Marlboro St.
- 214 Morse St.
- 222 Morse St.
- 300 Morse St.
- 21 St. Mary St.

- 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:
 - 39 St. Mary St.
- Issued revised RSR Compliance Evaluation memorandum to CTDEP May 20, 2010.
- A meeting was held on May 4, 2010 with the CTDEP and their contractor, Loureiro Engineering Associates, at the Tire Pond Landfill to discuss details of fill material disposition.

- A meeting was held with the Town of Hamden Police Department on May 4, 2010 to discuss the truck routes to the Tire Pond Landfill.
- The proposed truck route from the Newhall Street Neighborhood to the Tire Pond Landfill was revised and re-submitted to the Town of Hamden Police Department for their review/approval.
- Discussions with the Town of Hamden regarding the draft access agreement for a staging area at the Hamden Middle School continued.
- A Traffic Plan was prepared and submitted to the Town of Hamden.
- A Staging Area Operations and Maintenance Plan was prepared and submitted to the Town of Hamden.
- The TCLP treatability study was completed, and the report of findings issued to Olin.
- Draft Town of Hamden permit applications for deck construction on two properties in Blocks N, R, and S were prepared.
- The revised Borrow Source Approval Request letter was submitted to CTDEP on June 15, 2010.
- 15 additional TCLP characterization fill samples were collected at the site on April 20, 2010, and an additional four samples were collected on June 3, 2010.
- Multiple meetings/conference calls were held with DEP relative to the status of the NPP remedy.

ISSUES ENCOUNTERED THIS REPORTING PERIOD:

- The unresponsiveness of property owners, and direct refusal to allow property inventory access or meet to discuss Property-Specific RAPs led to referral of 14 properties to CTDEP during the reporting period.
- Discussions with the Town of Hamden on the access agreement for staging of construction equipment are still in progress.
- Discussions with Southern Connecticut Gas regarding contracting and payment are still in progress.
- Due to delays in completion of critical path items, the determination was made that remediation of Blocks H and J could not occur in calendar year 2010.

ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR NEXT PERIOD:

- Develop and submit Property-Specific RAPs for Block C to property owners and the CTDEP.
- Meet with property owners to review Property-Specific RAPs and relocation, as appropriate, to obtain access for remediation and restoration.
- Submit additional letters to CTDEP referring properties for which Olin has exercised best efforts to obtain access, as necessary.

- Provided that critical path items are addressed by July 2, 2010:
 - Prepare to mobilize to the site for remediation activities in Blocks N, R, and S during the first week of August 2010.
 - Initiate remediation in Blocks N, R, and S in August 2010.
- Participate in Public Participation Meetings as scheduled by the Agency, as appropriate.
- Attend meetings and conference calls with DEP as appropriate.