



ST. HELENS FIBERBOARD FACILITY UPLAND REMEDY

Second Quarter 2022 Progress Report

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Dear Ms. Greenfield,

This progress report summarizes the work performed by Armstrong World Industries, Inc. (AWI), in the second quarter (April–June) 2022 to complete obligations under the June 19, 2019, Consent Judgment between AWI and the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). Progress report requirements are outlined in paragraph 5.H of the consent judgment. This progress report summarizes actions that were taken to satisfy ongoing requirements of the Easement and Equitable Servitude (EES) for the Upland Operable Unit (OU) Remedy.

Actions Taken under Consent Judgment

Specific actions completed in the second quarter 2022 included ongoing vegetation management within and along gravel cap areas with a focus on removing blackberries infringing on the Upland OU boundary markers.

Second Quarter Sampling Activities

No additional soil, solids, or stormwater sampling was conducted during the second quarter of 2022 in the Upland OU due to the AWI's "inactive" status which has been verified by DEQ.

DEQ and GSI Water Solutions, LLC completed parts of the Lowland Operable Unit Data Gaps Investigation (DGI) the second quarter of 2022. Activities in the Upland OU were limited to the collection of samples from select monitoring wells and the processing of soil and sediment samples from the Lowland OU. All activities performed were unrelated to the obligations of AWI in the Consent Judgment but are detailed here for the record.

Problems Encountered during Second Quarter

No problems were encountered during the second quarter.


Actions Scheduled for Third Quarter 2022

No actions are anticipated at AWI's St. Helens facility in the third quarter 2022 other than submittal of the fourth quarter 2021-2022 discharge monitoring report by August 15th, 2022, and written documentation of AWI's "inactive" status. AWI is released from stormwater monitoring requirements under the new permit due to AWI's "inactive" status. This status has been verified in the Your DEQ Online (YDO) system administered by DEQ.

AWI will also continue vegetation management activities on the Upland OU gravel cap with a focus on keeping blackberries back from the Upland OU boundary in Cap Inspection Area #1. Additionally, AWI has recently entered into an agreement to sell the property to a new owner. DEQ has been notified of the intent to sell in a separate document. AWI and the prospective new owner will be working with DEQ to amend the existing Consent Judgement in the third quarter of 2022 to reflect the pending change in ownership.

We look forward to continuing completion of the obligations of the Consent Judgment in the third quarter 2022. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Benjamin Johnson, R.G.

