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Re: McCormick & Baxter Site
RD/RA Coop. Agreement V- 99060104 -0
Performance Report
April 1, 2024 through September 30, 2024

Anne:

This Performance Report for the McCormick & Baxter Creosoting Company NPL site (M&B) submittal is required under Cooperative Agreement number V-99060104, between the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ).

This Performance Report describes Operational and Functional (O&F) activities conducted from April 1, 2024 through September 30, 2024 in accordance with the Cooperative Agreement Work Plan.

Explanation of work accomplished during the reporting period, delays, or other problems, if any, and a description of corrective measures that are planned.

Work activities described in the Cooperative Agreement Work Plan and completed by DEQ during this reporting period include:

- General Project Management and Administrative Activities:
 - Oversight of all tasks implemented by DEQ and its contractors
 - Project and Contract Management of Task Orders/Amendments issued to DEQ contractors, to include monthly cost tracking and invoice processing
 - Review and approval of all deliverables prepared by DEQ contractor
- Tracking progress toward major milestones and budgets, and preparation of status reports to EPA

The following specific O&F activities below were conducted during this reporting period.

- Barrier wall monitoring including monitoring well transducer data collected from paired wells inside and outside the barrier wall, and from low tide manual groundwater elevation monitoring.
- NAPL gauging data collected from all site monitoring wells in June and September 2024.
- Site visits/inspections and quarterly meetings with DEQ and the DEQ contractor in June 2024 and September 2024.
- Annual Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Report preparation. The Annual O&M Report presents the status of all site remedies and calendar year 2023 activities conducted. The Annual O&M Report was finalized August 2024.
- Continued discussions with current property owner and others to explore property transaction.

Comparison of the percentage of the project completed to the project schedule, and an explanation of significant discrepancies.

Activities funded through the Cooperative Agreement Work Plan and activities specified under the agreement are documented in a Task Order Contracts issued by DEQ to the DEQ contractor in May 2024. Completed and ongoing Task Order Contract activities are presented above. O&F Work Plan activities listed in the Task Order Contract may be amended based on concurrence between EPA and DEQ.

Estimate of the time and funds needed to complete the work required in the Cooperative Agreement, a comparison of that estimate to the time and funds remaining, and justification for any increase.

On September 28, 2017, EPA issued Cooperative Agreement number V- 99060104 -0. EPA releases funds in annual increments. The 2023 budget performance period ended March 31, 2023. On February 1, 2024, DEQ submitted a Cooperative Agreement amendment application to EPA to consider an amendment to the agreement. On May 17, 2024 EPA awarded an \$65,307 amendment in supplemental funding, extended the project/budget period end dates to December 31, 2024. To date, EPA agrees to cost-share 92.72% of all approved budget period costs.

The table below represents an estimate of expenditures and contractual encumbrances between. April 1, 2024 through September 30, 2024 and a total federal funds budget summary through September 30, 2024. Future expenditures under the Cooperative Agreement are expected to be within the remaining allocation or paid through state resources.

McCormick and Baxter CA Budget

Federal Funding Received	FY24 4/1/24- 9/30/24	FY17-24 Total
EPA funds received	\$65,307	\$65,307
Previous Balance	\$1,027	\$394,852
Total	\$73,591	\$460,159
Expenditures		
DEQ Personnel	\$4,065	\$66,558
Services and Supplies (Contractual & misc. S&S)	\$31,654	\$349,214
Indirect Cost	\$1,012	\$14,774
Total Expenditure	\$36,722	\$430,547
Encumbrances (contract obligations under Task Order)	\$47,378	\$47,378
Total with Encumbrances	\$84,100	\$477,925
Balance	(-\$17,766)	(-\$17,766)

The next reporting period will account for O&F activities conducted at M&B from October 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025.

Please let me know if you have questions on this report or require additional information.



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