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**SUBJECT: Progress Report, NW Natural Site, 7900 NW St. Helens Road and 7200 NW Front Avenue, Portland, Oregon**

Dear Mr. Thomas,

Ede Environmental, LLC (EE) has prepared this monthly Progress Report to summarize Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) and source control-related work conducted by NW Natural relating to historic manufactured gas plant (MGP) activities at the NW Natural Site during the month of November 2024. NW Natural is completing upland investigation and cleanup activities at the NW Natural Site under the Voluntary Agreement No. ECVC-WMCVC-NWR-94-13 (Voluntary Agreement) between NW Natural and the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ).

**1. Actions Taken Under the Voluntary Agreement During the Previous Month**

The Feasibility Study Report for the Gasco OU, which screens cleanup remedial technologies; assembles, evaluates, and ranks remedial action alternatives for the Gasco OU, and recommends a preferred alternative, has been under development during this timeframe.

Communications, planning, and coordination as related to the design of the Interim Removal Action Measure (IRAM), with work occurring on a Basis of Design Report (BODR) occurred during this timeframe.

Tasks related to maintenance of the HC&C system and the groundwater treatment system were conducted during November 2024, with the system operating in full long-term operational mode.

A total of 8,893,238 gallons of water were treated in the on-site groundwater treatment plant and discharged during November 2024 with all monitoring and reporting completed in accordance with the facility's NPDES permit.

Field activities related to monitoring and maintenance of the dense non-aqueous phase liquid (DNAPL) extraction system at Fill water bearing zone (WBZ) well locations MW-6-32 and MW-13-30 occurred during November 2024. The system recovered approximately 29 gallons of fluids in November. Recovered fluids (accumulating since tank emptying on October 4, 2023) are estimated to be approximately 33% DNAPL with 358 gallons of total fluids in tank storage.

DNAPL entry into Fill WBZ Trench T-50 was first observed during August 2022 with subsequent plumbing of a DNAPL pump within the sump at this location. To date approximately 656 gallons of DNAPL have been recovered from the T-50 sump, approximately 3 gallons of which were recovered during November 2024.

Baseline DNAPL removal as needed to maintain levels below the top of the well sumps was conducted by Anchor QEA during November 2024 in the following wells near the river shoreline.

- MW-18-30
- MW-26U
- MW-38U
- MW-PW2L
- PW-2L

Water removal from the Koppers Basin continued during November 2024 as needed to keep the basin free of standing water. A total of 514,409 gallons of water were removed from the basin during November 2024 with treatment through the Groundwater Treatment System. Visual observations during November confirmed that the basin remained free of standing water during this timeframe.

Installation of controls, trenching, and infrastructure for integration of replacement groundwater extraction well PW-6Ub into the HC&C system occurred during November 2024.

The following upland FS related field tasks were in progress during November 2024:

- Monthly measurements of DNAPL presence at Fill WBZ wells MW-10-25, MW-43F, MW-44F, and MW-45F were conducted during November 2024. No measurable DNAPL was present in wells MW-43F or MW-44F; 0.08 feet of DNAPL was measured within well MW-45F; and 0.33 feet of DNAPL was measured within well MW-10-25 during November. The DNAPL from well MW-10-25 (0.15 gallons) was last removed on April 2, 2024 and the DNAPL from well MW-45F (0.09 gallons) was last removed on November 7, 2024.

## **2. Actions Scheduled to be Taken in the Next Month**

NW Natural will finalize and submit the FS Report to DEQ and continue development of the IRAM design during this timeframe.

NW Natural and DEQ technical working group communications and meetings will occur as needed within the next month to discuss ongoing project tasks.

Routine baseline DNAPL measurements and removal will continue as needed to maintain levels below the top of the well sumps in nearshore HC&C-related wells. Baseline measurement and removal of DNAPL from additional select upland area wells will also continue.

Tasks related to routine maintenance of the HC&C system and the groundwater treatment system will be conducted.

The Koppers tank basin will continue to be visually monitored to ensure that it remains free of standing water.

Installation of controls, trenching, and infrastructure for integration of replacement groundwater extraction well PW-6Ub into the HC&C system will be complete.

Routine groundwater monitoring activities as part of the Integrated Groundwater Monitoring Program will be completed during December 2024.

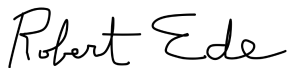
Monitoring since September 2017 indicates that DNAPL proximate to wells MW-43F and MW-44F has not been sufficiently mobile to accumulate the minimum thickness required for sampling (0.5 feet). A DNAPL sample will be collected for laboratory DNAPL mobility assessment testing from wells MW-43F and MW-44F if measurable thicknesses / sufficient volumes of DNAPL are identified at these locations in the future.

### **3. Problems Experienced During the Previous Month**

There were no problems of significance experienced during the previous month.

Should you have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,



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