



## ST. HELENS FIBERBOARD FACILITY UPLAND REMEDY

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### Second Quarter 2024 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) 2024 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 of 2024 included:

- Ongoing vegetation management within and along gravel cap areas with a focus on removing blackberries infringing on the Upland OU boundary markers.
- The cleaning of stormwater outfall vaults 1 and 4 on May 3, 2024.
- Replacement of the Contech filters outfall vaults 1 and 4 on May 3, 2024.

### Second Quarter Sampling Activities

No additional soil, solids, or stormwater sampling was conducted during the second quarter of 2024 in the Upland OU due to the AWI's "inactive" status which has been verified by DEQ.

### Problems Encountered during Second Quarter

No problems were encountered during the second quarter of 2024.

## Actions Scheduled for Third Quarter 2024

Submittal of the fourth quarter 2023-2024 discharge monitoring report by August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024, and written documentation of AWI's "inactive" status are planned for the third quarter 2024. 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.

We look forward to continuing completion of the obligations of the Consent Judgment in the third quarter 2024. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Benjamin Johnson, R.G.

