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Re: McCormick & Baxter Site
RD/RA Coop. Agreement V- 99060104 -0
Performance Report
October 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025

Anne:

This Performance Report for the McCormick & Baxter Creosoting Company NPL site (M&B) is being submitted as 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 October 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025 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 of progress toward major milestones and budgets, and preparation of status reports to EPA.

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

- Calendar year 2024 barrier wall performance assessment: production of figures, hydrographs, and tables from 2024 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 2024.
- Annual Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Report preparation. The Annual O&M Report presents the status of all site remedies and calendar year 2024 activities conducted. The 2024 Annual O&M Report will be submitted to EPA upon completion.
- Continued discussions with current property owner and others to explore property transaction.
- Site visits/inspections and quarterly meetings with DEQ and the DEQ contractor in December 2024 and March 2025.

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 Task Order Contracts issued by DEQ to the DEQ contractor in June 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. On May 17, 2024 EPA awarded an \$65,307 amendment in supplemental funding, extended the project/budget period end dates to December 31, 2024. On December 6, 2024, DEQ submitted an initial CA amendment request to EPA. Upon several revisions EPA awarded the supplemental funding of \$112,675 on April 14, 2025 with a project period end date of December 31, 2025. This budget update is not included in the budget table below. To date, EPA agrees to cost-share 92.72% of all approved budget period costs.

McCormick and Baxter CA Budget

CA Funds Received	FY23 10/1/24- 3/31/25	FY17-24 Total
EPA Cooperative Agreement funds received	\$0	n/a
Previous Balance	\$29,612	\$460,159
Total	\$29,612	\$460,159
CA Expenditures		
DEQ Personnel	\$2,625	\$69,184
Services and Supplies (Contractual & misc. S&S)	\$32,329	\$381,542
Indirect Cost	\$631	\$15,406
Total Expenditure	\$35,585	\$466,132
Encumbrances (remaining contract obligations under Task Order)	\$31,011	\$31,011
Total with Encumbrances	\$66,696	\$497,143
Balance	\$(-36,984)	\$(-36,984)

The preceding table represents an estimate of grant expenditures and contractual encumbrances between October 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025 and a total CA budget summary through March 31, 2025. Current balance is \$(-36,984). It is unlikely that the full encumbrance value will be spent. The next reporting period will account for M&B O&F activities from April 1, 2025 through September 30, 2025.

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



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