

Re: Nimat Gas and Food Mart (aka Jasper Store) 20-23-0709

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Hi Don,

We are still awaiting the signed Cost Recovery Agreement for this site. Lynda has resent the documents today, so we will hopefully hear back from them soon.

As for the project manager assignment, many of the staff do not have the capacity to take on a new site. Brad is continuing to check in with everyone on availability, but we can keep this site on your agenda to discuss until someone becomes available.

In the past, have we sent out a project manager to provide temporary support while work is being completed on-site? Could we see if Sarah E. or another NRS3 has the capacity to complete a site visit?

Thank you,

Rachel



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Hello! Got another call from Roger Edens today. He's planning on beginning remedial excavation activities Thursday. He said initial sample results are much lower than he was expecting, with no benzene. I said I wasn't sure if a CR project had been set up yet (I emailed LUST Info this morning asking). If we do have a PM it might be worthwhile for them to go out Thursday PM to see the dig. Otherwise I told him his approach sounded pretty good, to take good confirmation samples, etc. He was going to collect another pit water sample using PVC and a peristaltic pump also. I was not planning on going out, nor could I due to my schedule.

Thanks,
Don

From: HANSON Don * DEQ

Sent: Monday, October 9, 2023 4:54 PM

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I got an email from Roger Edens, a consultant with Full Cycle Environmental about this site. Below is a summary of my conversation. A copy of his email to me is also attached for reference. This seems to be a site worth prioritizing, if possible, due to obviously contaminated groundwater and soils in the pit, a high permeability aquifer, the proximity to the Willamette River and being upgradient from some Springfield Utility Board (SUB) wells that draw mainly from the river. SUB has been contacted and is very interested in the site, according to Sarah K.

- They would like to conduct a remedial excavation to dig out as much contamination as possible. The store is currently closed, equipment on site, so they would like to do this relatively soon. I said this would be a good thing.
- They are concerned about possible impacts, or perception of possible impacts, to the river. I told Roger that he was right to be thinking about this.
- He was wondering about adding Oxygen Releasing Compound (ORC) to the excavation at backfill to help remediate residual contamination if it extended beyond their excavation. I said that would be a good idea, but that if they did that we would want some downgradient (between the excavation and river) monitoring wells to monitor not only for contamination, but also chemistry that can be affected by ORC.
- I also told him about DEQ's Underground Injection Control (UIC) program and said he could look into permitting requirements for ORC. I said I wasn't sure if they would need a UIC permit if they added ORC to the excavation, like they would if they were to inject it as a slurry into the aquifer.
- He seemed to land on not doing the ORC now. That could always be injected later, following the pit backfilling.
- I said eventually the site will need some groundwater characterization, and possibly monitoring wells, but I was OK with a step-wise approach (excavation, sampling, backfill, re-assess, gw investigation, wells if needed, etc.)
- He also mentioned a couple of times purging contaminated groundwater from the forthcoming excavation to remove contaminated groundwater. I said that would be good, but didn't say it was really necessary unless there was gross contamination/free product.
- He seems interested in having DEQ oversight/observation during the remedial excavation so we can see the situation and help make better informed decisions about subsequent actions.
- I said we may be able to prioritize the work and assign a PM, but not sure about that.

Let me know if you have any questions on this.

Thanks,
Don

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