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Mr. Jeff Ritter Wayland Town Hall 41 Cochituate Road Wayland, MA 01778

Re: Pilot Study Status Report

Release Abatement Measure 120-Day Status Report

Former Raytheon Facility 430 Boston Post Road Wayland, Massachusetts

RTN 3-13574, Permit No. 133939

Dear Mr. Jeff Ritter:

Raytheon Company has submitted a report summarizing preliminary activities and findings of a pilot study it is conducting to evaluate the effectiveness of a method to treat the groundwater, in-situ chemical oxidation, at its former site in Wayland. Copies of the report submitted to the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) are available at the Wayland Public Library and the Wayland Board of Health. A summary of the report is enclosed.

In situ chemical oxidation is a process that breaks down chlorinated volatile organic compounds in the groundwater into harmless end-products, such as carbon dioxide, water and chloride. A chemical oxidant is injected into the ground to stimulate the chemical breakdown. The entire process, which takes place in the ground (in situ), is safe to the environment.

This is the second report Raytheon has submitted to DEP since the public meeting held with the Public Involvement Plan (PIP) participants on August 31, 2001 to review the pilot study. Additional reports will be submitted as the pilot study progresses. At the conclusion, a public meeting will be held to review the findings of the study and to discuss an effective method for treating the groundwater.

Raytheon looks forward to continued participation with the community throughout the completion of this important project. This pilot study will assist in obtaining valuable information to identify the most effective method for treating the groundwater. If you have any questions regarding the report, please contact me at (508) 490-1707 or at the address listed below.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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Wayland Public Library (PIP Repository)
PIP Participants

Summary

In Situ Chemical Oxidation Pilot Study Status Report

(Release Abatement Measure - RTN 3-13574, Permit No. 133939)

Raytheon Company is conducting a pilot study to evaluate the effectiveness of in-situ chemical oxidation in reducing the concentrations of chlorinated volatile organic compounds (CVOCs) in the groundwater. In situ chemical oxidation is a process that breaks down CVOCs in the groundwater into harmless end-products, such as carbon dioxide, water and chloride. A chemical oxidant is injected into the ground to stimulate the chemical breakdown. The entire process, which takes place in the ground (in situ), is safe to the environment.

The following provides a summary of findings from the pilot study areas since the submittal of the last status report. Future monitoring will be conducted to continue understanding the effectiveness of the pilot study.

- 1. Groundwater was sampled for CVOCs from 34 monitoring throughout the Site on March 4, 2002. Concentrations of CVOCs were within historical ranges observed at the Site.
- 2. Groundwater was sampled for CVOCs from the MW-33S pilot study area once since submission of the last status report. Permanganate has not been observed in the MW-33S pilot study area since the January 2002 groundwater monitoring event.
- 3. Groundwater was sampled for CVOCs from the MW-43S area three times since submission of the last status report. Low levels of permanganate continue to be observed in MW-43S, the injection well.
- 4. Permanganate continues to react with the dissolved CVOCs in groundwater and the naturally occurring soil material in the MW-43S pilot study area.
- 5. Within the pilot test areas, treated groundwater and residual permanganate flowed with groundwater in a southwesterly (downgradient) direction. Decreases in CVOC concentrations in some monitoring wells were observed.
- 6. Increases in CVOC concentrations were noted at some monitoring wells. These concentration variations fall within historical concentration ranges for wells in the pilot test areas. The increases are believed to be related to a significant decrease in the groundwater table and/or desorption of CVOCs from soil following permanganate injection. Additional groundwater monitoring of the pilot test areas is planned and will be conducted in accordance with the RAM Plan dated September 11, 2001.

A more detailed summary of the Pilot Study Status Report can be found at the Wayland Public Library and the Wayland Board of Health.