

Public Involvement Plan

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INTRODUCTION

The Massachusetts Contingency Plan (MCP) process provides opportunities for public involvement throughout the duration of these response actions. Public involvement during the remedial response action process is undertaken to ensure that the public is both informed of, and involved in, planning for remedial response actions. For sites where the public indicates interest in becoming involved in this process, the site is designated as a “PIP site” and requires the preparation of a plan that identifies specific activities that will be undertaken to address public concerns to the extent possible.

On October 12, 2016 the Community Development Corporation of South Berkshire (CDCSB) and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) received a notice from eleven residents of the Town of Great Barrington, Massachusetts requesting that the former New England Log Homes site (the “Site) located at 100 Bridge Street, Great Barrington, MA 01230 to be designated as a Public Involvement Plan (PIP) site, under Section 14 (b) of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 21E (M.G.L. c.21E). In response to the petitions filed, the CDSCB has designated the Site as a PIP site, pursuant to the MCP and is responsible for implementing the Public Involvement Plan. A public repository has been established for the site in the Mason Library, 231 Main Street, Great Barrington, MA. All documents pertaining to the site can also be found on the Mass. DEP website at:

<http://public.dep.state.ma.us/fileviewer/Rtn.aspx?rtn=1-0000682>

The draft PIP was presented in a public meeting on January 4, 2017 at Mason Library, Great Barrington, MA. Public comments on the draft Plan were encouraged and were submitted through March 10, 2017. The final PIP has incorporated the received public comments, summarized in Exhibit I. The final PIP will be implemented in conjunction with the development and implementation of remedial response actions for the disposal site.

This document also contains background information on the site, including site and environmental assessment information. Section 2 explains how the remedial response action process addresses community concerns which have been raised during the development of the Plan. Section 3 explains the proposed public involvement activities. Section 5 contains a schedule for public involvement activities. Section 6 outlines the roles and responsibilities of those involved in implementing the Public Involvement Plan. It also explains the procedures DEP will use to address situations in which the agency receives complaints about the manner in which the Plan is being implemented. Section 7 describes how the Plan will be revised in the future. Exhibit I summarizes public concerns and responses.

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This PIP has been prepared by CDCSB in accordance with requirements of the Massachusetts Contingency Plan (MCP), 310 CMR 40.0000. The Site, specifically RTN 1-00682, was initially given a Tier II Classification, submitted by Fuss & O'Neill, Inc. (F& O) in 2000. On March 21, 2013, Timothy J. Snay, LSP (License Number 3373) submitted a "Tier Re-classification Opinion and Tier IB Application" to the MA DEP to reclassify the Site as a Tier IB disposal site; this Opinion supersedes the Tier II Classification submitted by Fuss & O'Neill, Inc. (F& O) in 2000. The reclassification was required because the Site is located within a Zone II of the public water supply for the neighboring Town of Sheffield; this condition meets the inclusionary criteria for a Tier I site in accordance with 310 CMR 40.0520. The MA DEP issued the Tier IB Permit Approval (Permit 548535) on April 26, 2013.

As discussed in the Phase III RAP Addendum, a condition of No Significant Risk with respect to groundwater does not exist, based on the concentration of pentachlorophenol (PCP) in groundwater and the Site's location within the Zone II wellhead protection area, which requires the achievement of GW-1 Groundwater Standards. DEP has acknowledged that a Permanent Solution is not available for portions of the Site within the groundwater PCP plume because a remedial technology capable of reducing the PCP concentration in groundwater to below the GW-1 standard is not currently available. Therefore, the remediation goal at the Site is to achieve a condition of No Significant Risk relative to soil by preventing exposure to contaminants in soil.

A Permanent Solution can be achieved for portions of the Site *outside of the groundwater plume* if the following remediation goals are met:

1. Reduction of contaminant exposure point concentrations (EPCs) in soil to below their corresponding S 1 soil standard(s); and/or
2. Reduction of contaminant EPCs in soil to below the Upper Concentration Limits (UCLs), isolation of soils beneath an appropriate physical barrier, and placement of a Notice of AUL to maintain that barrier into the future.

A Temporary Solution can be achieved for portions of the Site, *regardless of the presence of contaminants in groundwater*, if groundwater is not in use at the Site and the following remediation goals are met:

1. Reduction of contaminant EPCs in soil to below their corresponding S-1 soil standard(s); or
2. Reduction of contaminant EPCs in soil to below the UCLs, isolation of soils beneath an appropriate physical barrier, and placement of a Notice of AUL to maintain that barrier into the future; and/or
3. Elimination of exposure to soil with contaminant concentrations above the UCLs by isolation of soils beneath an appropriate physical barrier and placement of a Notice of AUL to maintain that barrier into the future.

SITE HISTORY AND REGULATORY STATUS

Site Description and Synopsis

The Site consists of an 8.2-acre parcel of land bounded by the Housatonic River to the west, Bridge Street and Bentley Road to the north and east, respectively, and the publicly operated wastewater treatment works (POTW) to the south. The area surrounding the Site is primarily residential, but a commercial district is located to the west of the Housatonic River. Properties around the Site are serviced by the public water supply and there are no known private water supply wells within 500 feet of the Site; however, the Site is located within the Zone II of the Town of Sheffield public water supply. The Site is also located in the 100-year flood plain for the Housatonic River as designated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The Site location is shown on an excerpt of a USGS quadrangle map provided as Figure 1.

The Site was first developed in 1894 with a manufacturing plant for bedspreads and cotton goods. Those operations ceased in 1963 and the Site remained vacant until 1971. From 1971 through 1993, NELH occupied the property and manufactured log homes. The NELH manufacturing operations included the use of wood preservatives containing PCP, which was one of the most widely used biocides in the U.S. prior to 1987. NELH ceased operations in 1993 and the Site was vacated. The perimeter of the Site is fenced to prevent access by the public. In March 2001, a fire significantly damaged the main building on the Site, burning half of it to the ground. Soot and debris from the fire was deposited onto the ground surface of the Site. The damaged main building and the remaining buildings were demolished in 2012 and most of the debris was removed from the Site. The base of the former building's smokestack remained, along with three debris piles (crushed concrete, mixed concrete and brick, and soil/woodchips). These debris piles were subsequently moved to the south end of the Site. The past layout of the Site is shown on the Historical Site Plan provided as Figure 2.

In August 2013, the CDC submitted a Revised Phase IV RIP to conduct *in-situ* bioremediation at the Site in lieu of the generalized capping proposed in the Phase IV RIP originally submitted to the MA DEP in March 2011. In spring/early summer 2014, the Site was cleared, grubbed, and ripped in preparation for bioremediation. Soil amendments (compost, agricultural lime, and urea nitrogen) were applied between June 25 and July 3, 2014, and a bioremediation "Factor" was applied to surface soils across the Site on July 7, 2014. The upper 18 inches of soil were subsequently tilled using farming equipment to incorporate the "Factor" into the soils and provide aeration. Tilling continued into October 2014. In late fall 2014, the area was seeded to provide stabilization over the winter months. In May 2015, the MA DEP suspended additional bioremediation at the Site pending documentation of success related to the process. Despite arguments that bioremediation processes were occurring, in August 2015, the MA DEP terminated further bioremediation efforts.

On February 12, 2016, the CDC met with the MA DEP to discuss the next steps at the Site. Because the *in-situ* bioremediation strategy had been terminated by the MA DEP, CDC proposed to eliminate exposure to contaminated soils with the construction of a variety of "cap-like" structures integrated into the proposed redevelopment of the Site, followed by the placement of a Notice of AUL at the Site. The proposed "cap-like" structures included building foundations and parking lots. In green space areas, the proposed cap consists of a geotextile warning barrier placed beneath a soil cap system to be approved by the MA DEP.

On September 14, 2016, the CDC submitted Phase IV RIP – Revision 2 to the MA DEP. The proposed remediation plan would achieve a Partial Permanent Solution in areas of the Site outside of the PCP groundwater “plume” (located beneath the central portion of the Site). The remediation plan for the Site was simple in concept; namely, to prevent exposures to dioxin-contaminated soils currently located in surface soils at the Site by excavating and removing them from the area or by isolating them under the structures proposed as part of redevelopment of the Site. However, because the Site is subject to restrictions regarding flood storage capacity, maintaining the existing site elevations would require the use of on-site uncontaminated soil as cover material and the relocation of contaminated soil to deeper elevations.

On November 1, 2016, the MA DEP issued their response to the proposed Phase IV RIP. The MA DEP concluded that relocating contaminated soil below the current elevations would expand the existing disposal site, and therefore, was not acceptable under the Response Action Performance Standard at 310 CMR 40.0191(2). The CDC is submitting a revised RIP – Revision 3 following discussions with the MA DEP on November 18 and December 6, 2016 regarding possible alternate remediation strategies.

Site Investigation and Regulatory History

Numerous investigations were performed at the Site from the late 1980s through 2015 to evaluate soil and/or groundwater at the Site for evidence of a release of oil and/or hazardous material (OHM). The early investigations were summarized in a Phase III Remedial Action Plan (RAP) prepared by Ransom and amended in May 2013. Additional investigations have been completed since that time to supplement the earlier data; those results were described in the Phase IV Status Reports referenced below. A chronology with brief descriptions of the historical investigations and regulatory submittals for this site is as follows:

1.October 1987: “Site Assessment Report,” prepared by HRP Associates (HRP), Inc., dated October 23, 1987, and revised in August 1989.

2.January 1990: Designated as a Tier Class Transition Site (Release Tracking No. [RTN]) 1-06820 on January 15, 1990 by the MA DEP.

3.March 1996: “Subsurface Investigation Report” prepared by HRP, dated March 1996. The field investigations included excavation of test pits, advancement of soil borings, installation of monitoring wells, and collection of soil and groundwater samples for chemical analysis. A magnetometer survey was conducted in the southeastern portion of the Site to investigate an area where drums containing waste PCP were allegedly buried; no buried drums were encountered in that area during the survey.

4.1996 and 1997: Investigations by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) and the MA DEP in 1996 and 1997, which included the collection of shallow soil samples, characterization of tank and drum contents at the Site, consolidation of wastes in drums inside the main building, enclosure of the dip tank and drip pad, and securing the Site from trespassers. Based on the results of the environmental investigations completed at the Site, dioxins and PCP were present at elevated concentrations in soil and/or groundwater.

5.March 1997: “Environmental Sampling Report,” prepared by Coneco Environmental for the MA DEP, dated March 17, 1997.

6.October 2000: “Phase I-Initial Site Investigation Report, Former New England Log Homes Site, Great Barrington, Massachusetts, Release Tracking Number: 1-0682,” prepared by Fuss & O’Neill, Inc. (F&O).

7.November 2, 2000: “Tier II Classification and Public Notice, Former New England Log Homes Site 100 Bridge Street, Great Barrington, Massachusetts, Release Tracking Number: 1-0682,” prepared by F&O. F&O classified the Site as a Tier II disposal site based on a Numerical Ranking System (NRS) score of 277, which was below the Tier II cut-off score of 350. F&O noted that the Site is located within the Zone II for a public water supply for the neighboring Town of Sheffield; however, they stated that conditions at the Site did not pose a potential for human exposure at the Sheffield public water supply.

8.January 2002: “Phase II-Comprehensive Site Assessment Report, Former New England Log Homes Site, 100 Bridge Street, Great Barrington, Massachusetts, Release Tracking Number: 1-0682,” prepared by F&O. F&O concluded that soil at the Site was impacted by PCP, dioxins, extractable petroleum hydrocarbons (EPH), metals, and semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs), with some concentrations greater than the Upper Concentration Limits (UCLs) provided in the MCP. Elevated concentrations of lead and PCP were detected in groundwater samples at the Site, but concentrations of contaminants in surface water and river sediments of the abutting Housatonic River were consistent with background conditions.

9.November 2003: Ransom collected groundwater samples from six monitoring wells for analysis of PCP and/or dioxins and dissolved lead. PCP was present in the groundwater samples collected from one of the wells at the Site at an elevated concentration; dioxins were present at low concentrations and dissolved lead was not detected at concentrations above the laboratory reporting limits.

10. January 2004: Ransom completed a Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) survey at the Site with Hager GeoScience, Inc. to field verify the presence of underground utilities, particularly near the fire-damaged building.

11. August 2004: At the request of the MA DEP, Ransom installed two additional groundwater wells near former Dip Tank No. 2 and along the Housatonic River. An elevated concentration of PCP was detected in the groundwater sample collected from the well along the river; dioxins were present in the groundwater samples at trace concentrations.

12. January 2005: “Phase III Remedial Action Plan, Former New England Log Homes Site, 100 Bridge Street, Great Barrington, Massachusetts, MA DEP Release Tracking Number: 1-0682,” (Phase III RAP) prepared by Ransom. The Phase III RAP recommended the construction of a physical barrier across the entire Site to prevent exposure to dioxin-impacted soils. No groundwater remedial alternative was proposed.

13. March 2011: “Phase IV Remedy Implementation Plan, Former New England Log Homes Site, 100 Bridge Street, Great Barrington, Massachusetts, MA DEP Release Tracking No. 1-0682,” (Phase IV RIP) prepared by Ransom. The Phase IV RIP was based on the premise that the entire physical barrier would be constructed at the Site prior to redevelopment of the property, such that the Site could be “closed” under the MCP through the filing of a Class C Response Action Outcome (RAO) Statement (i.e., a Temporary Solution).

14. October 2011: “Release Abatement Measure (RAM) Plan, Former New England Log Homes, Great Barrington, Massachusetts, RTN: 1-00682,” (RAM Plan) prepared by F&O. The RAM Plan provided procedures to be used during demolition of the Site building and to manage contaminated soil and construction debris.

15. August 13, 2012: “Release Abatement Measure (RAM) Completion, Former New England Log Homes, Great Barrington, Massachusetts, RTN: 1-00682,” prepared by F&O. The RAM Completion Report summarized the demolition activities completed at the Site. Commingled asbestos-containing material (ACM) and demolition debris were managed consistent with an approved Asbestos Work Plan. Three other debris piles generated during the demolition activities were left at the Site.

16. March 2013: Ransom collected additional soil samples for dioxins analysis to supplement the earlier data and confirm the vertical distribution of dioxins in soil. The sampling indicated that dioxin-contaminated soils were generally limited to the top 1 foot of soil at the Site.

17. Spring 2013: Biotech Restorations LLC (BTR) of Denver, North Carolina, completed a bench study to verify the effectiveness of the proposed *in-situ* bioremediation treatment for Site soils, determined the appropriate formulation and volumes of soil amendments needed during the treatment period, and estimated the duration of treatment that is likely to be required. After 10 weeks of treatment, one formulation reduced the concentrations of individual dioxins congeners by 97 to 100 percent, and the overall dioxin Toxicity Equivalency (TE) by 99.2 percent. This formulation was used in the field application.

18. May 29, 2013: “Phase III Remedial Action Plan Addendum No. 1, Former New England Log Homes Site, 100 Bridge Street, Great Barrington, Massachusetts, MA DEP Release Tracking No. 1-0682” (Amended RAP), prepared by Ransom. The Amended RAP introduced the *in-situ* bioremediation process proposed by BTR.

19. August 2, 2013: “Revised Phase IV Remedy Implementation Plan, Former New England Log Homes Site, 100 Bridge Street, Great Barrington, Massachusetts, MA DEP Release Tracking No. 1-0682,” (Revised RIP), prepared by Ransom. The Revised RIP described implementation of the *in-situ* bioremediation process proposed by BTR.

20. August 19, 2013: “Amended Soil Sampling Plan for the Phase IV Remedy Implementation Plan, Former New England Log Homes Site, 100 Bridge Street, Great Barrington, Massachusetts, MA DEP Release Tracking No. 1-0682,” prepared by Ransom.

21. December 23, 2013: “Phase IV Status Report, Former New England Log Homes Site, 100 Bridge Street, Great Barrington, Massachusetts, MA DEP Release Tracking No. 1-0682,” prepared by Ransom. The report included a description of the collection of soil samples at 45 locations and depths of 0-1 foot, 1.5 to 3 feet, 3 to 4 feet, and 4 to 8 feet below the ground surface (bgs) for analysis of dioxins and furans, and additional soil samples at 13 locations for analysis of PCP, PAHs, lead, arsenic, thallium, and/or EPH.

22. June 27, 2014: “Phase IV Status Report No. 2, Former New England Log Homes Site, 100 Bridge Street, Great Barrington, Massachusetts, MA DEP Release Tracking No. 1-0682,” prepared by Ransom. The report documented the completion of site preparation activities,

including installation of erosion controls, clearing and grubbing of the Site, management of existing demolition debris piles, relocation of Hot Spot soils for treatment and re-grading, and ripping of the Site.

23. July 15, 2014: “Modification to the Phase IV Remedial Implementation Plan, Former New England Log Homes Site, 100 Bridge Street, Great Barrington, Massachusetts, MA DEP Release Tracking No. 1-00682,” prepared by Ransom in response to a Notice of Noncompliance (NON-WE-14-3041) issued by the MA DEP on July 14, 2014;

24. July 25, 2014: “Immediate Response Action (IRA) Plan, Buried Drum, 100 Bridge Street, Great Barrington, Massachusetts, MA DEP Release Tracking No. 1-19427,” prepared by Ransom following the completion of response actions related to the discovery of a buried 55-gallon drum in June 2014.

25. August 1, 2014: “Modification No. 2, Phase IV Remedial Implementation Plan, Former New England Log Homes Site, 100 Bridge Street, Great Barrington, Massachusetts, MA DEP Release Tracking No. 1-00682,” prepared by Ransom in response to email correspondence from the MA DEP on July 31, 2014.

26. August 2014: “Community Air Monitoring Plan, Former New England Log Homes, 100 Bridge Street, Great Barrington, MA” prepared by URS Corporation (URS) of Clifton, New Jersey in response to correspondence from the MA DEP dated August 4, 2014.

27. August 27, 2014: Submittal of the July 2014 (baseline) dioxin soil sampling data package (site plan, summary table, laboratory report) prepared by Ransom to the MA DEP.

28. September 30, 2014: “Immediate Response Action (IRA) Completion Report, Buried Drum, 100 Bridge Street, Great Barrington, Massachusetts, MA DEP Release Tracking No. 1-19427,” prepared by Ransom.

29. November 26, 2014: “Response to Interim Deadline, Former New England Log Homes Site, 100 Bridge Street, Great Barrington, Massachusetts, MA DEP Release Tracking No. 1-00682,” prepared by Ransom in response to correspondence from the MA DEP dated November 10, 2014. This document included the “Community Air Monitoring Report” prepared by URS following implementation of the air monitoring program in September 2014.

30. December 16, 2014: “Phase IV Status Report No. 3, Former New England Log Homes Site, 100 Bridge Street, Great Barrington, Massachusetts, MA DEP Release Tracking No. 1-0682,” prepared by Ransom. The report documented the discovery of an abandoned underground storage tank (UST), assigned RTN 1-19434 by the MA DEP, and the activities conducted since June 2014, as referenced above.

31. June 3, 2015: CDC submitted a revised Tier Classification to the MA DEP to link the UST release discovered in June 2014 (RTN 1-19434) to the primary site-wide release (RTN 1-682);

32. June 11, 2015: “Phase IV Status Report No.4, Former New England Log Homes Site, 100 Bridge Street, Great Barrington, Massachusetts, MA DEP Release Tracking No. 1-0682,” prepared by Ransom. No field activities occurred since the December 2014 Status Report was

submitted. The Site was covered by snow until April 2015 and the MA DEP had not authorized further field activities.

33. July 13, 2015: Submittal of Addendum No. 1 to the Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP Addendum). The QAPP Addendum presented the rationales for and designs of environmental sampling programs associated with the implementation and evaluation of *in-situ* bioremediation activities being conducted at the Site;

34. August 18, 2015: The MA DEP terminated approval for the *in-situ* bioremediation pilot project;

35. September 11, 2015: BTR collected 97 soil samples across the Site for field-based immunoassay analysis for dioxins. Reported dioxin concentrations ranged from 1,324 to 1,898 picograms per gram (pg/g).

36. January 6, 2016: “Phase IV Status Report No. 5, Former New England Log Homes Site, 100 Bridge Street, Great Barrington, Massachusetts, MA DEP Release Tracking No. 1-0682,” prepared by Ransom. The report documented additional soil sampling for dioxins analysis as conducted by BTR in September 2015.

37. June 24, 2016: “Phase IV Status Report No. 6, Former New England Log Homes Site, 100 Bridge Street, Great Barrington, Massachusetts, MA DEP Release Tracking No. 1-0682,” prepared by Ransom. The report discussed the intent to revise the remediation strategy for the Site.

38. September 14, 2016: “Phase IV Remedy Implementation Plan – Revision 2, Former New England Log Homes Site, 100 Bridge Street, Great Barrington, Massachusetts, MA DEP Release Tracking No. 1-0682,” (RIP- Revision 2), prepared by Ransom.

39. December 16, 2016: “Phase IV Status Report No. 7, Former New England Log Homes Site, 100 Bridge Street, Great Barrington, Massachusetts, MA DEP Release Tracking No. 1-0682,” prepared by Ransom. The report discussed the Phase IV RIP – Revision 2 and proposed changes to the remediation strategy for the Site.

Current Regulatory Status

The MA DEP issued the Tier IB Permit Approval (Permit 548535) to CDC, effective on April 26, 2013. The Tier IB Permit shall expire on April 26, 2018, 5 years from its effective date. Based on the proposed construction schedule included herein, which is tied to the release of funding available for the project, the CDC anticipates that an extension of the Tier IB Permit will be required.

Further field activities at this Site have been suspended until the MA DEP approves this Phase IV RIP – Revision 3. In an email dated March 17, 2016 and during subsequent meetings with the MA DEP in November and December 2016, the MA DEP concurred with a conceptual remediation plan based on the following premises:

1. The use of the proposed “cap-like” structures will be an effective method to prevent exposures to contaminated soils and will allow for the redevelopment of the Site;

2. An Engineered Barrier as defined in the MCP is not required to achieve a Temporary Solution at the Site;
3. Contaminated soil may be relocated on the Site, but may not be placed at a lower elevation;
4. A Partial Permanent Solution is possible in areas of the Site where both soil and groundwater meet the S-1 and GW-1 soil and groundwater standards; and
5. Development may occur in phases, provided that a temporary cap is in place over future development areas prior to occupation of the Phase I Development Area.

ADDRESSING PUBLIC CONCERNS

The process for assessing and cleaning up disposal sites as set forth in the MCP, is designed to address the effects of the site on health, safety, public welfare, and the environment. Once a release of oil or hazardous materials has been confirmed at a disposal site (Phase I of the remedial response action process), the process proceeds to:

1. Phase II - Comprehensive field investigation of the nature and extent of the contamination, and an evaluation of any risks posed to the public and the environment from the site (Phase II);
2. Phase III - Identification and evaluation of remedial response action alternatives and selection of feasible measures that will achieve a permanent cleanup at the site (Phase III);
3. Phase IV/V – Design and implementation of the selected remedial response actions; and
4. Response Action Outcome – Evaluation of Site risk and closure submittal.

Physical work at a disposal site includes sampling and other environmental field testing, and the implementation of the selected response actions. It may also include the implementation of measures designed to stabilize conditions at the site to prevent the continued migration of contaminants or eliminate an imminent threat to public health, safety, welfare, or the environment until remedial response is underway (i.e., interim or short term measures).

At each step of the remedial response action process, plans for work are developed, the work is conducted, and reports describing results and recommendations for the next step are prepared. The documents which describe each of these steps are the cornerstone of the remedial response action planning process, since they provide the information necessary to make decisions about how a site should be cleaned up. As noted, the public has raised a number of concerns about the disposal site at 100 Bridge Street, Great Barrington. The remedial response action planning process is designed to address the concerns about the nature and extent of contamination; risks posed by the site to health and public welfare; and the adequacy of proposed cleanup measures. These concerns will be addressed in Phase IV of this process.

PURPOSE

In accordance with the MCP (310 CMR 40.1400), activities undertaken to involve the public in response actions serve two purposes:

1. To inform the public about the risks posed by a disposal site, the status of remedial response actions, and the opportunities for public involvement; and

2. To solicit the concerns of the public about a disposal site and remedial response actions so that, to the extent possible, these concerns can be addressed and incorporated in planning remedial response actions.

To meet each of these objectives, CDCSB proposes to undertake specific activities during the remedial response process at the site. These activities are described below.

INFORMING THE PUBLIC

CDCSB will provide Site-specific information to the public by:

- establishing an information repository;
- providing Site-specific fact sheets in accordance with the DEP guidance and which are reader-friendly;
- making responses to comments on regulatory submittals available to the public;
- developing and maintaining a mailing list to distribute information about the Site and public involvement activities;
- providing advance notification to local officials and residents about Site activities, as appropriate under the MCP;
- provide site signage that adequately characterizes the public health concerns.

Information Repositories

Publicly Available Site Files: Files on the Site are maintained at the Western Regional DEP Office and online at: <http://public.dep.state.ma.us/fileviewer/Rtn.aspx?rtn=1-0000682>

To view hard copies of these files, an appointment can be made by contacting the DEP Western Regional Office at 436 Dwight Street, Springfield, Massachusetts.

Local Information Repositories: CDCSB has established a local information repository to provide Great Barrington residents with easy access to information about site investigations and proposed remedial plans. The site information repository will contain a complete copy of documents files with the DEP beginning January 1, 2017: work plans; sampling and field testing plans; technical reports and documents summarizing results and recommendations; press releases; public information materials; the Public Involvement Plan; public meeting summaries; summaries of responses to comments received; fact sheets; and copies of public notices about the Site.

CDCSB will send information to the repository as it is developed. Documents currently in the public repository include public notices for the Draft PIP public meeting and the Draft PIP. The information repository for the Site is kept at Mason Library, 231 Main Street, Great Barrington, MA 01230.

Mailing List

CDCSB will establish a mailing list for the Site (the “Mailing List”). The Mailing List may include: petitioners, interested residents, Site abutters, local and regional news media, municipal

officials (specifically the Town Manager and the Chairperson of the Board of Health), state legislators, DEP, and anyone else indicating an interest in receiving information about the site.

The Mailing List will be used to distribute notices of upcoming public meetings, fact sheets and notices of public comment periods. The mailing list will also be used to notify interested parties of the availability of the information repository. CDCSB will maintain the Mailing List and update it as necessary. CDCSB will also provide DEP with a copy of the Mailing List. A copy of the current mailing list is provided at the end of this document. Anyone wishing to be added to the Mailing List can contact Tim Geller, tim@cdcsb.org or (413)528-7788

Municipal Notifications

Chief Municipal Officer and Board of Health

In accordance with the MCP, the Town Manager and the Board of Health will be notified if any of the following activities are conducted:

- The purpose, nature and expected duration of any field work related to the implementation of Phase IV remedial activities;
- The use of respirators and other personal protective equipment (PPE) required under Level A, B or C as defined in the site specific Health and Safety Plan (HASP);
- Implementation of Immediate Response Actions to address Imminent Hazards;
- Implementation of a Release Abatement Measure (RAM).

Notification will be made at least three days prior to the commencement of fieldwork. Notification will be based on plans for fieldwork. If plans are modified or the level of protection is upgraded during the course of work to Level C or above, notification will be made as soon as possible. Additionally, the Town Manager and Board of Health will be notified of the implementation of any RAM. Notification will include information about the purpose, nature and expected duration of the RAM.

Notification will be made at least seven days prior to the implementation of the RAM. All of the above notifications may be made orally or in writing. Oral notification will be followed by written notice within seven days of the oral notification. A copy of each written notice will be submitted with its filing to the Chief Municipal Officer, the Board of Health and the DEP. The Town Manager and Board of Health will also be notified of the availability of any Response Action Outcome (RAO) Statement. Notification may take the form of copies of correspondence to the DEP, which contain or summarize the decisions regarding the Statement or a notice of availability of the Statement. Notifications of the availability of any RAO Statement will be made in writing. A copy of each written notice will be submitted to the DEP concurrently with its filing with the Town Manager and Board of Health.

Fire and Police Departments

If issues of public safety are involved, the Great Barrington Fire and Police Departments will be notified of any threat to public safety prior to the implementation of remedial actions, unless prior notification is impracticable.

Notification to Local Officials and Residents of Major Milestones and Events

The MCP (310 CMR 40.1403) requires community notification of major planning and implementation milestones at disposal sites. Major milestones include:

- 1) Field work involving any IRAs for Imminent Hazards, implementation of any RAMs, the use of PPE (Level A, B or C protection), residential sampling and Phase IV remedial actions; and
- 2) The completion of each phase of the remediation process including IRA Completion Statements for Imminent Hazards, RAOs, and Activity and Use Limitations (AULs).

Notification of fieldwork will include information on the type of work and its approximate duration. CDCSB will make notification to the people on “the Notification List” in advance in writing or by telephone the day before activity is scheduled to begin. Notification at the end of a remedial phase will include a summary of the phase report and information on where the report can be reviewed. The Notification List shall include:

The Petitioners

Great Barrington Town Manager

Great Barrington Board of Health

State Senator’s District Office

State Representative’s district Office

Activity and Use Limitations

An Activity and Use Limitation restricts use of a site or portion of a site with the intent of reducing the risk a site poses to human health, the environment or safety. Within 30 days after recording and/or registering any original, amended, released or terminated Activity and Use Limitations (AUL), local officials and the public will be informed of the limitations that apply to activities and/or uses of the Site. A copy of the recorded and/or registered AUL will be provided to the:

- Chief Municipal Officer;
- Board of Health;
- Zoning Official; and
- Building Code Enforcement Official.

A legal notice, which indicates the recording and/or registering of any original, amended, released or terminated AUL, will be published in the Berkshire Record. The notice will be in the form established by the DEP and will include:

- The name and address and Release Tracking Number (RTN) for the Site;
- The type of AUL;
- Information about the project file and where the AUL can be reviewed; and
- The name address and telephone number of the person recording and/or registering the AUL and from whom the public may obtain additional information.

A copy of this legal notice will be submitted to the DEP within seven days of its publication.

Release Abatement Measure

The petitioners will have an opportunity for public involvement on any Release Abatement Measure (RAM). Concurrent with submitting a RAM Plan to DEP, CDCSB will:

- Contact the petitioners and appropriate local officials to identify their concerns about response actions;

- Provide information about the nature and extent of impacts (to the extent known at that time) and implemented and planned response actions;
- Provide appropriate opportunities for public comment, which may include meetings or submittal of written comments during a 10-day period; and
- Prepare a summary of all comments received, noting which comments have been incorporated and providing an explanation of why others were not.

SOLICITING PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

CDCSB will provide opportunities for public input regarding Site cleanup decisions, including “Phase” reports, RAM Plans, and RAOs for previously Tier Classified RTNs, by holding public comment periods and preparing summaries of all comments received during the public comment period and responses to them. Interviews will be conducted with specific community members and groups in order to both communicate information and build public support for the project. Comment periods are not required for routine inspection and monitoring or status reports.

In addition, time critical elements of an IRA Plan may be conducted prior to the close of a public comment period if “delaying the remedial actions would exacerbate release or site conditions or endanger health, safety, public welfare or the environment.” Assessment activities may also proceed during the public comment period.

Public Meetings

CDCSB will brief the public about the status of the Site. Meetings will take place at times and locations convenient for the public to attend, and that provide adequate meeting time. Meetings will be held in locations that have adequate acoustics and audio equipment. Adequate technical expertise will be available at public meetings. Notification of meetings will be provided 14 days in advance and updated on the web site. Meetings will serve two purposes:

- 1) To provide community officials and the general public with progress report regarding remedial response actions at the site; and
- 2) To provide an opportunity for the public to question and comment on remedial action plans for the Site.

CDCSB will send notices announcing public meetings to individuals on the Mailing List and publish a notice in the Berkshire Record at least 14 days prior to any meeting dates. Meetings will typically take place at the Mason Library Community Room, Mason Library, 231 Main Street, Great Barrington, MA. CDCSB will provide a copy of the meeting presentation at the Public repository.

Public Comment Periods

CDCSB will provide specific opportunities for the public to submit comments about documents concerning the Site. When key documents are available, they will be provided to the information repositories, and a notice of their availability will be sent to the Mailing List. The notice will include the title of the document, where it is available for review, information about how to submit comments to CDCSB, and the length of the public comment period (typically 20 days). CDCSB will be responsible for providing document copies to the information repository and to the DEP site file, as well as sending out notices of availability of any documents it prepares under the MCP. Documents available for public comment will include:

- The draft Public Involvement Plan and any subsequent revisions;
- Phase IV Remedy Implementation Plan;
- RAM Plans; and
- RAOs (including AULs) for previously Tier Classified RTNs.

Response to Comments

CDCSB will prepare a summary of all comments received for each document available for public comment, and CDCSB's responses to each within 60 days of the close of the public comment period. A copy of this response summary will be sent to all those who submitted comments and will be placed in the information repository and the DEP Site files. CDCSB will also send a notice of availability of the response summary to the mailing list.

SCHEDULE FOR PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITIES

Public involvement activities will be conducted at certain milestones in the remedial response process. These milestones include:

- The draft Public Involvement Plan and any subsequent revisions;
- Phase IV Remedy Implementation Plan;
- RAM Plans; and
- RAOs (including AULs).

Prior to reaching each of the above milestones, CDCSB will hold a public meeting to discuss the status of response actions and present the document for public review and comment. CDCSB will send notices announcing public meetings to individuals on the Mailing List and publish a notice in the Berkshire Record at least 14 days prior to any meeting dates. Following the public meeting, there will be a 20 day public comment period to allow the public to submit written comments on the document or the status of response actions. Following the close of the public comment period, CDCSB will prepare a summary of the meeting and all comments received at the meeting and during the public comment period. The summary will include a description of which comments were incorporated into the subject document and which were not incorporated and an explanation of why. A copy of the responses to comments will be sent to the mailing list and included in the public repository within 60 days of the close of the public comment period.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR IMPLEMENTING THE PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN

The 100 Bridge site has been designated a PIP Site and CDCSB is responsible for conducting both remedial and public involvement activities at this site. CDCSB has developed this Public Involvement Plan and is responsible for carrying out the activities listed in this Plan during the site cleanup process. To ensure that Public Involvement Plans are implemented properly by Potentially Responsible Parties (PRP), DEP has established an appeal process for handling disputes about public involvement activities at disposal sites. The appeal process is initiated when ten or more residents of the community in which the site is located or of a community potentially affected by the site submit a signed petition to the PRP and to DEP stating that the PRP is not implementing activities agreed upon in the final Public Involvement Plan. The petition must provide specific information documenting the PRP's failure to implement specific

sections of the Plan. Upon receipt of the appeal petition, the PRP must provide written confirmation of receipt to the petitioners and provide a copy of this letter to DEP. The PRP then has twenty calendar days to work with the petitioners to address their concerns. Within this twenty day period, the PRP must respond to the petition in writing, describing how each issue identified by the petition will be addressed. Any resulting changes in public involvement activities must be incorporated into the public involvement plan. A twenty day public comment period must then be held on the revised Plan. Any revisions to the Plan or specific responses to the appeal petition must be copied to DEP. If the PRP and the petitioners cannot resolve the petitioners' concerns within twenty calendar days, the petitioners must each submit written information to DEP documenting their concerns, actions taken to date to resolve the issues, and their inability to resolve the issues independently of DEP. When DEP receives this information, it will take the following actions:

1. Review the information Packages to assess specific petitioner complaints, identify other community concerns, and determine what public involvement activities, as specified in the Plan, have and have not been conducted. DEP may inspect local information repositories, review notification letters, and contact members of the Notification List.
2. Determine whether the PRP has made any efforts to address community issues. This may include a review of meeting summaries, correspondence or other formal attempts to resolve community concerns about insufficiencies in public involvement activities. If, based upon review of the appeal petition, DEP determines that the Public Involvement Plan is not being implemented, DEP may take one or more of the following actions:
 - A. Requiring the PRP to hire a public involvement consultant specifically to perform activities contained in the final Plan; and/or
 - B. Conducting an audit of the site to determine whether the PRP is conducting the response action in compliance with the MCP, and/or the final Public Involvement Plan.

REVISIONS TO THIS PLAN

This Public Involvement Plan may be revised as necessary during the course of the remedial response action process. CDCSB will carry out interviews with key community members and will revise the PIP as necessary. If revisions are proposed, CDCSB will place copies of any proposed changes in the local information repository, and will send a notice of the availability of recommended changes to the Mailing List and post a public notice in the Berkshire Record. CDCSB will hold a twenty-day public comment period on the proposed revised PIP. CDCSB will review any comments received and revise the PIP as appropriate. The final revised plan will be placed in the information repositories.

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Glossary of Select Terms and Abbreviations

Aquifer: any geologic formation containing or conducting groundwater.

AUL: Activity and Use Limitation – a deed restriction used to limit certain activities at a site to avoid risk to human health, safety or the environment.

AST: Above Ground Storage Tank.

Background levels: level of oil and hazardous material that would exist in the absence of the release.

BOL: Bill of Lading - Standard DEP Tracking Form used when transporting soil and other materials.

Composite: representative samples collected from several locations at a Site and homogenized into one sample.

Confirmatory Sample: samples collected after excavation or remediation.

DEP: Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection

Downgradient: measured distance away from a given point in the direction groundwater or surface water flows

EPH: Extractable Petroleum Hydrocarbons

IRA: Immediate Response Actions

LSP: Licensed Site Professional

MassGIS Priority Resource Map: Collection of data layers maintained by DEP and MassGIS depicting potential sensitive receptors.

MCP: Massachusetts Contingency Plan: hazardous waste clean-up regulations for releases and spills of oil and/or hazardous materials, 310 Code of Massachusetts Regulations 40.0000.

mg/Kg: ratio of milligrams of compound per kilogram of soil, equivalent to parts per million (ppm).

MW: Monitoring Well – a well designed to facilitate measurement of groundwater quality parameters and the collection of groundwater samples.

NON: Notice of Non-Compliance – a written notice issued by DEP that states a person failed to comply on any specified occasion with any described requirement.

NOR: Notice of Responsibility – a notice from the DEP to a person informing such person of his or her potential liability pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 21E.

NSR: No Significant Risk- means a level of control of each identified substance of concern at a site or in the surrounding environment such that no such substance of concern shall present a significant risk of harm to health, safety, public welfare or the environment during any foreseeable period of time.

Numerical Ranking System: system set forth in 310 CMR 40.1500 for scoring disposal sites for the purpose of Tier Classification and permitting.

OHM: Oil or Hazardous Material

PAHs: Polynuclear Aromatic Hydrocarbons, PAHs occur in oil, coal, and tar deposits, and are produced as byproducts of fuel burning.

PCBs: Polychlorinated Biphenols – a compound historically used in such products as paint and transformer oil.

PIP: Public Involvement Plan

RAO: Response Action Outcome – Site status achieved when a Condition of No Significant Risk exists.

RAM: Release Abatement Measure – response actions taken to remediate localized releases and/or mitigate the impacts of larger releases until more comprehensive remedial actions can be taken.

RC: Reportable Concentrations – the concentration of oil or hazardous material in soil or groundwater, which requires notification to DEP.

Residual Concentration: typically a low concentration of a contaminant remaining after remediation that is below the clean-up standard.

Risk Characterization: a site-specific comparison of site data to risk-based standards to characterize the risk of harm to health, safety, and the environment at a disposal site.

RNF: Release Notification Form – standard DEP tracking form used to report releases of OHM.

RTN: Release Tracking Number-used by DEP to track an oil or hazardous waste release site.

SB: Soil Boring - a soil core advanced to a give depth to investigate subsurface conditions.

TPH: Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons - a class of petroleum compounds that includes both EPH and VPH.

Tier Classification: DEP standard classification set forth in 310 CMR 40.0500 for classifying a hazardous waste site as Tier I or Tier II.

UCL: Upper Concentration Limits – concentration of OHM which, if exceeded under certain conditions, indicate the potential for significant risk of harm to public welfare and the environment under future conditions.

UST: Underground Storage Fuel Tank

USGS: United States Geological Survey

VOC: Volatile Organic Compound – a class of organic compounds that have significant vapor pressures.

VPH: Volatile Petroleum Hydrocarbons

Exhibit I

Public concerns

A. Organizations involved in expressing concerns

1. Housatonic Environmental Action League (formed, 2001)
2. Housatonic Valley Association (formed, 1941)
3. Housatonic River Initiative (formed in 1992)

Types of public activities organized in relation to 100 Bridge by the above organizations: these organization have attended public meetings sponsored by the CDC of South Berkshire.

Summary of concerns voiced by the above organizations and other individuals:

- Site cleanup decisions, the solution of capping in particular
- Public health and safety issues, both during the cleanup and long term
- Risk to the environment, including the Housatonic River
- The length of public comment periods

B. Date and content of the PIP Petition

November 3, 2016

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN PETITION:

REMEDiate THE BROWNFIELD COMPLETELY

"We the undersigned request that the New England Log Homes Site at 100 Bridge St, Gt Barrington M A, (DEP Release Tracking Number 1 -006821 be designated as a Public Involvement Plan Site under the provisions of M.G.L.c , 21E and the Massachusetts Contingency Plan, 310 CMR 40.1400."

"The current owner, CDCSB, has been granted a comprehensive permit by the ZBA of Gt Barrington which would allow partial remediation of the site for affordable housing. In order to protect the safety, environment, and health of our community and children, we demand that the CDCSB remediate the entire site before any occupancy of affordable housing."

C. Public Meetings with information re site remediation and redevelopment plans

- 11/16/04 Phase III public meeting*
- 1/26/05 Phase IV public meeting*
- 10/2/14 Community Preservation Committee public meeting
- 12/9/14 Community Preservation Committee public meeting
- 8/4-11/14 Neighborhood Survey re cleanup*
- 1/29/15 Great Barrington Chamber of Commerce (not public)
- 2/5/15 Community Preservation Committee public meeting
- 2/10/15 Zoning Board of Appeals public meeting

2/26/15 Public Meeting re site cleanup and redevelopment
9/24/15 Public Meeting re site cleanup*
10/29/15 Community Preservation Committee public meeting
11/5/15 Community Preservation Committee public meeting
11/19/15 Community Preservation Committee public meeting
6/27/16 Select Board public meeting
7/14/16 Planning Board public meeting
1/7/16 Zoning Board of Appeals public hearing
1/7/16 Board of Health public meeting
1/14/16 Planning Board public meeting
2/4/16 Community Preservation Committee public meeting
2/17/16 Zoning Board of Appeals public hearing
3/23/16 Conservation Commission*
6/9/16 Zoning Board of Appeals public hearing
6/28/16 Zoning Board of Appeals public hearing
7/26/16 Zoning Board of Appeals public hearing
8/15/16 Zoning Board of Appeals public hearing
1/4/17 Great Barrington Rotary (not public)
1/4/17 PIP public meeting*
1/12/17 RIP public meeting*
1/24/17 RIP public meeting*

*meetings solely on remediation

D. Specific comments/suggestions re the PIP

1. Extend the public comment period
Response: the public comment period was extended by 45 days
2. Provide adequate acoustics and audio at public meetings
Response: incorporated, page 13
3. Provide adequate meeting time for public meetings
Response: incorporated, page 13
4. Engage in “interviews” with specific community members and groups in order to both communicate information and build support for the project
Response: incorporated, page 13 and page 15
5. Provide adequate technical expertise at public meetings
Response: incorporated, page 13
6. Provide fact sheets on the Contaminates of Concern in reader-friendly versions
Response: incorporated, page 10
7. Improve site signage to better characterize the public health concerns
Response: incorporated, page 10

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