

September 15, 2023

Hunter Young
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Re: Quarterly Progress Report for the US Moorings Project Area June 1 through August 31, 2023
Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent for Removal Action
EPA Region 10 Docket No. CERCLA 10-2009-0255
Amendment No. 2 for Remedial Design at B1 Navigation Channel Project Area and
US Moorings Project Area

Dear Mr. Young,

This quarterly progress report provides information required by Section 4, Paragraph 4.1, of Appendix C of the Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent for Removal Action Amendment No. 2 for actions taken from June 1 through August 31, 2023, at the US Moorings Project Area within the Portland Harbor Superfund Site.

1. Actions and Correspondences That Occurred in This Quarter

The following actions and correspondences occurred in this quarter:

- June 7 – Anchor QEA submitted the *Final Revised First Phase Pre-Design Investigation Data Summary Report and Second Phase Pre-Design Investigation Work Plan*.
- June 9 and 10 – Anchor QEA performed pre-design investigations in the US Moorings Project Area in accordance with the *Final Revised First Phase Pre-Design Investigation Data Summary Report and Second Phase Pre-Design Investigation Work Plan*.
- June 15 – Anchor QEA submitted the quarterly progress report for the period of March 1 through May 31, 2023.
- June 16 – NW Natural received the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) conditional approval of the *Final Revised First Phase Pre-Design Investigation Data Summary Report and Second Phase Pre-Design Investigation Work Plan*.
- June 19 – Anchor QEA submitted Field Change Request (FCR) Form #2 associated with the *Final Revised First Phase Pre-Design Investigation Data Summary Report and Second Phase Pre-Design Investigation Work Plan*.
- June 20 – NW Natural received EPA's approval of FCR Form #2.

- June 29 – Anchor QEA submitted FCR Form #3 associated with the *Final Revised First Phase Pre-Design Investigation Data Summary Report and Second Phase Pre-Design Investigation Work Plan*.
- June 19 through 30 – Anchor QEA performed additional pre-design investigations in the US Moorings Project Area in accordance with the *Final Revised First Phase Pre-Design Investigation Data Summary Report and Second Phase Pre-Design Investigation Work Plan*.
- July 6 – NW Natural received EPA’s approval of FCR Form #3.

2. Results of Sampling, Tests, and Other Data Received

No results of sampling, tests, or other data received.

3. Schedule of Activities for the Next Quarter

The following activities are scheduled to occur in the next quarter:

- Submit the quarterly progress report for the period of September 1 through November 30, 2023.
- Evaluate the second phase pre-design investigation analytical results and prepare for completion of the remaining pre-design investigation activities during the first quarter of 2024 when the river elevations increase and provide access to the nearshore, shallow water sampling locations.

4. Challenges and Proposed Resolutions

Low river elevations prohibited sampling access to several nearshore sampling stations, so those stations need to be reoccupied during higher river elevations.

5. Modifications to Work Plans or Schedules

No modifications were made.

6. Activities in Support of Community Involvement Plan

EPA has not requested any community involvement plan support from NW Natural.

Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ryan Barth". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "R".

Ryan Barth, PE
Project Manager

cc:

Bob Wyatt, NW Natural
Patty Dost, Pearl Legal Group, PC
Lance Peterson, CDM Smith