



Revitalizing Auto Communities
Environmental Response Trust

October 13, 2011

Mr. Nate Nemani
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5
Waste Management Division
77 West Jackson Blvd., LU-9J
Chicago, IL 60604-3590

RE: Third Quarter 2011 Progress Report
RCRA Corrective Action
Saginaw Nodular Iron, 2100 Veterans Memorial Parkway, Saginaw, MI
USEPA ID No. MID 041 793 340

Dear Mr. Nemani:

In accordance with the Performance-Based Administrative Order on Consent (Docket No. RCRA-05-2011-0023) between the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 5 (USEPA) and Revitalizing Auto Communities Environmental Response Trust (RACER), please find the attached progress report for the third quarter of 2011 (July 1, 2011 through September 30, 2011).

Please contact me if you would like to discuss this matter further. Thank you.

Sincerely,

for David M. Favero
Deputy Cleanup Manager - MI
Attachment A – Third Quarter 2011 Progress Report

C: Sue Kaelber-Matlock, MDEQ
Saginaw Public Library (Public Information Repository)
Michael Tomka, CRA (via e-mail)

ATTACHMENT A
THIRD QUARTER 2011 PROGRESS REPORT
PERFORMANCE-BASED ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER ON CONSENT
FORMER SAGINAW NODULAR IRON, SAGINAW, MI
JULY 1, 2011 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2011

WORK PERFORMED THIS QUARTER

The following work was conducted during the third quarter at the Nodular facility:

- Review and provide comments on draft AOC provided by U.S. EPA
- Conducted characterization study of secondary pond area including collection of surface water samples, mid-water depth samples, and sediment samples
- On-going inspections of the WWTP buildings and secondary pond water levels

DATA AVAILABLE DURING THIS QUARTER

The following data was submitted to U.S. EPA during the third quarter:

- Secondary pond characterization study summary was provided to U.S. EPA on September 30, 2011

PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED

- None.

SUMMARY OF PROBLEM RESOLUTION

- NA

POTENTIAL PROBLEMS

- None.

ESTIMATED PERCENT COMPLETE AND INFORMATION SUMMARY FOR SELECTED ACTIVITIES

<u>TASK</u>	<u>% COMPLETE</u>
IU G – Former Nodular Iron Plant OM&M	7%
- 2-years of EI sampling complete	
- 2011 EI sampling event scheduled for November	
IU H – WWTP Closure	5%

- Characterization Study on Secondary Pond completed
- Preparation of IM work plan for the primary lagoons – partially complete
- Next task is to develop alternatives to close secondary pond in accordance with Agency guidelines

IU I – Area Closure 0%

IU I – Staging Area OM&M 0%

SUMMARY OF CONTACTS WITH INTERESTED PARTIES

None.

CHANGES IN PERSONNEL

None.

PROJECTED WORK FOR NEXT REPORTING PERIOD

- Review proposed 2012 budget with USEPA.
- Prepare summaries of meetings, data reviews, or conference calls with U.S. EPA, as appropriate.
- Prepare the Fourth Quarter 2011 Progress Report.
- Submittal of IM work plan to close primary lagoons
- Preparation of alternatives to obtain closure for the secondary pond
- Discuss RFI submittal details with U.S. EPA