



**Revitalizing Auto Communities
Environmental Response Trust**

Transmitted via E-mail

April 13, 2012

Mr. Chris Black
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5
Land and Chemicals Division
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Chicago, IL 60604-3590

RE: Semi-Annual Progress Report (October 2011 through March 2012)
RCRA Corrective Action Performance-Based Voluntary Agreement
Van Buren Township Landfill, Van Buren, Michigan

Dear Chris:

In accordance with paragraph V.4.b. of the Performance-Based Voluntary Agreement (PVA), between the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 5 (USEPA) and the Revitalizing Auto Communities Environmental Response Trust (RACER), please find the attached progress report for October 1, 2011 through March 31, 2012.

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

Sincerely,

 for

David Favero
Deputy Cleanup Manager – Michigan

Attachment A – Semi-Annual Progress Report (Oct. 2011 – March 2012)

C: Grant Trigger, RACER

ATTACHMENT A
SEMI-ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT
PERFORMANCE-BASED ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER ON CONSENT
VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP LANDFILL, VAN BUREN, MICHIGAN
OCTOBER 1, 2011 TO MARCH 31, 2012

WORK PERFORMED THIS PERIOD

- Met with USEPA on August 31, 2011 to discuss project status, and approach and scope of work anticipated for 2012.
- Negotiated a Performance-Based Corrective Action Agreement with USEPA that became effective on September 29, 2011.
- Prepared and submitted a draft Current Conditions Report (CCR) to USEPA for review on October 11, 2011.
- Submitted a draft Budget Request for 2012 to USEPA on October 28, 2011.
- Submitted a draft Proposed Sampling Matrix to USEPA on November 7, 2011.
- Met with USEPA to review the draft proposed Sampling Matrix and draft Budget Request for 2012 on November 21, 2011.
- Prepared and distributed a Request for Proposals to five Michigan based consulting firms on February 24, 2012 and held a pre-bid meeting at the site on March 5, 2012. Proposals were received on March 15, 2012.
- Submitted final Budget Request for 2012 on December 14, 2011 and USEPA approved the Budget Request for 2012 on December 22, 2011.
- Submitted the Sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP) and Fundamental Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) on February 17, 2012.

DATA COLLECTED THIS PERIOD

- None.

PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED AND THEIR RESOLUTION

- None.

ESTIMATED PERCENT COMPLETE AND INFORMATION SUMMARY FOR SELECTED ACTIVITIES

- Current Conditions Report 100%
Draft Report was submitted by CRA in October 2011 to the USEPA and approved by USEPA on a conference call on November 21, 2011

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| • Performance-Based Administrative Order on Consent Effective September 29, 2011. | 100% |
| • Site Characterization SAP & QAPP Submitted on February 17, 2012 to the USEPA. | 100% |
| • Consultant Selection Distributed RFP on February 24, 2012 and proposals were received on March 15, 2012 | 80% |
| • Clearing and Grubbing for Site Characterization Activities | 0% |
| • Site Characterization Fieldwork | 0% |
| • Site Characterization Data Report | 0% |
| • Site Characterization Phase II Sampling Matrix | 0% |
| • Site Characterization Phase II Data Report | 0% |
| • Human Health EI (CA725) Report (Due June 30, 2013) | 0% |
| • Groundwater Migration under Control EI (CA750) (Due March 31, 2014) | 0% |
| • Corrective Measures Proposal (Due June 30, 2014) | 0% |

SCHEDULE AND PROJECTED WORK FOR NEXT REPORTING PERIOD

- Address any USEPA comments on the SAP & QAPP
- Complete evaluation of proposals, select project consultant, and complete contracting.
- Clear and grub Site to allow for characterization field work.
- Implement first phase of Site characterization activities.
- Prepare summaries of meetings, data reviews, or conference calls with USEPA, as appropriate.
- Prepare the Semi-Annual Progress Report for April 1 through September 30, 2012.
