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To: 'Bonnie Buthker'; Humphreys, Lisa A LRH; Meadows, Richard L LRH
Cc: 'Ron Nabors (ron.nabors@epa.state.oh.us)'
Subject: RE: Update on Plum Brook

Bonnie:

Removal actions were undertaken at TNT Area "B" and the Pentolite Road Red Water Ponds. Soil removed meeting the requirements for non-hazardous waste was disposed of off-site at an approved landfill. Over 1600 tons of soil required composting because the concentrations of nitroaromatics exceeded the limitations for hazardous waste landfill disposal. By January 2004, all of the composted material was disposed off-site. Sample results from the TNT Area "B" removals indicate that additional removal or treatment is required due to contamination still in place. Efforts are currently underway using trenching to further delineate the area requiring further action. Restoration activities in the Pentolite Road Red Water Ponds area also increased due to a seam of contamination that was observed during the soil removal activities. Trenching is also underway in this area to delineate the area requiring further action. Initial results indicate the potential for a significant increase in the area requiring restoration.

In the spring of 2004, we began a RI at Reservoir No. 2 Burning Ground. The Reservoir No. 2 Burning Ground is located at the northwest corner or Fox Road and Ransom Road. Field work began in May 2004 with exploratory trenching to delineate the boundary of the burn area and to characterize the nature of contaminants in the burn layer. Further investigation activities included surface and subsurface soil sampling, sediment sampling and monitoring well installation. Investigation activities will continue into early 2005 and will include several rounds of groundwater sampling.

In July 2004, we awarded a contract for a RI at two of the three acid areas. Priority was placed on the West Area and funding was made available from the office of ESOH contingency funds. The Remedial Investigations will begin in the fall of 2004.

The team also continued background and down-gradient groundwater investigations. A residential water well survey was completed along with sampling of private wells in the area. Off-site monitoring wells were installed as part of this investigation.

The RAB continues to be very interested and is a success. The RAB (Mark Bohne) has expressed their concern about us disposing compost or soil at the Erie County landfill in fear that we may later be made a PRP at that facility.

Hope this helps!
Please call if you have any questions or need anything else.

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-----Original Message-----
From: Bonnie Buthker [mailto:Bonnie.Buthker@epa.state.oh.us]
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Lisa and Rick:

Hope all is going well with you.

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I haven't been able to get a hold of Ron, so I thought I would ask you for some info regarding Plum Brook. Our agency is preparing its annual report for July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004 highlighting major environmental activities that occurred in Ohio. Last year I had mentioned the start of the removal action at TNT Area B at Plum Brook as being one of those activities. I was wondering if this has been completed, or if any other major activities have begin that we should highlight.

Please let me know.

Thanks,

Bonnie