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July 9, 2019

Mr. John Messler
Budget and Finance, Property Management
Baltimore County Government
12200-A Long Green Pike
Glen Arm, Maryland 21057

RE: SITE STATUS LETTER
Case No. 2016-0467-BA
North Point Government Facility
1747 Merritt Boulevard / 7701 Wise Avenue
Dundalk, Baltimore County, Maryland
Facility I.D. No. 3893

Dear Mr. Messler,

The Maryland Department of the Environment's (MDE) Oil Control Program completed a review of the case file for the above-referenced property, including the *Quarterly Monitoring Report - 1st Quarter 2019 Groundwater Monitoring*, dated Mar. 28, 2019, which included a request for case closure. The on-site monitoring well network includes 4 groundwater monitoring wells (MW-1, MW-4, MW-5A, and MW-6) that are gauged monthly and sampled quarterly. Liquid phase hydrocarbons (LPH) have not been detected in the 4 existing monitoring wells. Former monitoring well MW-5 contained 0.75 feet of LPH in Jan. 2018, which was the last gauging event conducted. The well was damaged and subsequently abandoned in Feb 2018.

Replacement well MW-5A was installed in Mar. 2018 in the same general area of MW-5. Since MW-5A was installed, groundwater has been observed at higher elevations due to higher than normal precipitation (approximately 4-foot rise in water level). To confirm that the absence of LPH in replacement well MW-5A is not related to the above average rainfall and subsequent high groundwater elevations, the OCP cannot grant site closure at this time. The monitoring well network must continue to be gauged and periodically sampled for at least 4 additional quarters. The following requirements for continued monitoring and additional information are requested for future case closure consideration:

1. The monitoring well network must continue to be gauged for depth-to-product and depth-to-water; however, the frequency may be reduced from monthly to quarterly (every 3 months). If LPH are detected, it must be reported to MDE within 2 hours of detection.

2. Groundwater sampling of the monitoring wells may be suspended until the last quarterly monitoring event. Groundwater samples collected must be analyzed for full-suite volatile organic compounds (VOCs), including fuel oxygenates and naphthalene, using EPA Method 8260 and total petroleum hydrocarbons - diesel range organics (TPH-DRO).
3. *Quarterly Status Reports* must continue to be submitted on the established frequency. Therefore, the next quarterly status report must be submitted to the OCP in July 2019. Gauging events and reporting must continue until written approval to discontinue is received in writing from MDE.

When submitting documentation to the OCP, provide 3 hard copies and 1 electronic copy on a labeled compact disc (CD). If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Matt Mueller at 410-537-3584 (matthew.mueller@maryland.gov) or me at 410-537-3482 (ellen.jackson@maryland.gov).

Sincerely,



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