

April 23, 2017

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**Subject: Monthly Status Report 15 for March 2017
Penobscot River Estuary Phase III - Engineering Study**

Dear Ms. Calkins:

Amec Foster Wheeler Environment and Infrastructure, Inc. (Amec Foster Wheeler) is pleased to submit this monthly Status Report for the Penobscot River Estuary Phase III - Engineering Study. This report covers the period from March 1, 2017 through March 31, 2017. A cash flow projection for the following 6-month period is also attached.

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD

Task 1 - Understanding the Problem and Existing Background Information

- No activities were conducted under this task during the reporting period.
- All activities under this task are 100% complete and no further charges are anticipated.

Tasks 2/2A - Technologies and Remedial Approaches for Consideration

- *Work Order 2A-010 - Technology Screening Report: Report Revisions*
 - The Final Technology Screening Report was submitted to the Special Master/Litigants on March 2, 2017.
- *Work Order 2A-020 - Treatability/Pilot Studies: Scoping Memorandum*
 - March 10, 2017: comments on the Draft Treatability/Pilot Studies Scoping Memorandum were received from NRDC
 - March 27, 2017: comments on the Draft Treatability/Pilot Studies Scoping Memorandum were received from Mallinckrodt
 - March 30, 2017: monthly project status call discussion items included comments from Litigants on the Draft Treatability/Pilot Studies Scoping Memorandum
- *Work Order 2A-030A - Bench-Scale/Pilot Studies: Phase 1 Work Plans - Bench Scale & Pilot-Scale Constructability*
 - March 18, 2017: Amec Foster Wheeler submits WO 2A-030A to the Special Master/Litigants for review
- *Work Order 2A-080 – Alternatives Evaluation Report*
 - March 23, 2017: Amec Foster Wheeler submits WO 2A-080 to the Special Master/Litigants for review

Tasks 3/3A - Risk Reduction Evaluation

- *Work Order 3A-010 - BAFs/BSAFs, Biota Trending Analysis:*

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- Work on BAF/BSAF calculations and biota trending analyses continued in early March 2017.
- *Work Order 3A-020 – Baseline Risk Assessments:*
 - Work on baseline risk assessments continued in March 2017

Tasks 4/4A - Potential Data Needs and Additional Field Work

- *Work Orders 003/003A - Mobile Sediment Pool Characterization:*
 - March 14, 2017: Mallinckrodt submits questions on project analytical database
 - March 20, 2017: Amec Foster Wheeler submits response to Mallinckrodt's comments/questions on the project analytical database
 - March 23, 2017: Project analytical database packaged and submitted to the project SharePoint site for the Special Master/Litigants
 - The remaining scope of WOs 003/003A is expected to be completed within budget
- *Work Order 004 - 2016 Sediment and Water Quality Monitoring:*
 - March 28, 2017: the Draft 2016 Sediment and Water Quality Monitoring Report was submitted to the Special Master/Litigants
- *Work Order 005 - 2016 Biota Monitoring:*
 - Data validation of black duck analytical data completed in March 2017
 - March 23, 2017: Amec Foster Wheeler submits WO 005B – 2017 Historical Database Research & Update for additional funding to update the project database with physical data not previously entered (e.g., bird weight, mussel length, etc.)
 - Development of the Draft 2016 Biota Monitoring Report continued in March
 - Permits for collection of biota in 2017 were received from Maine DIFW for bird banding and Maine DMR for fish and shellfish collection; labor charges for obtaining these permits may be transferred to WO 4A-050 for 2017 biota monitoring when that work order is awarded
 - At the current time, the remaining scope of WO 005 is expected to be completed within budget
- *Work Order 4A-010 - Analytical Methods Evaluation and OC Study (formerly Work Order 012):*
 - Work continued on Task 1 - Analytical Methods Development and Comparison Study: sediment/wood debris samples were analyzed by the laboratories for the proposed analyses
 - For Task 3 - Data Mining to Detect Trends, EMAP data was imported into the database, and classification of sediment samples by zone was completed
 - Continued development and refinement of the Conceptual Site Model for the project
- *Work Order 4A-020 - Analyses/Evaluation of WO 003A Samples:*
 - March 8, 2017: Work Order 4A-020A - Tasks 2-5 Amendment approval received from the Special Master
 - Analysis of mobile pool sediments/wood debris and subtidal sediments collected in October 2016 continued in March 2017
 - Assessment of preliminary analytical results initiated
- *Work Order 4A-040 – 2017 Sediment and Water Quality Monitoring:*

- Amec Foster Wheeler prepared WO 4A-040 for 2017 Sediment and Water Quality Monitoring
- *Work Order 4A-050 – 2017 Biota Monitoring:*
 - March 30, 2017: Amec Foster Wheeler submitted WO 4A-050 – 2017 Biota Monitoring to the Special Master/Litigants for review

Tasks 6A – Meetings/Communications

- *Work Order 6A-010 - Meetings/Reporting: Nov 2016 thru July 2017*
 - Prepared for and attended March 2, 2017 Monthly Project Status Call with Special Master/Litigants
 - March 6, 2017: Amec Foster Wheeler submitted meeting minutes to the Special Master/Litigants for the March 2, 2017 Monthly Project Status Call
 - March 16, 2017: Amec Foster Wheeler submitted Invoice # J02206375 and Monthly Report for the month of February 2017 to the Special Master/Litigants
 - Project schedule updated, and submitted with this monthly report as an attachment
 - Prepared for and attended March 30, 2017 Monthly Project Status Call with Special Master/Litigants (an additional call was scheduled for April 3, 2017 for further discussion of ongoing activities)

Task 7 – Community Involvement.

- *Work Order 006 - Community Involvement:*
 - March 11, 2017: Amec Foster Wheeler posted draft Community Involvement website content for Special Master/Litigant review
 - March 27, 2017: NRDC submitted comments on Community Involvement Website
 - March 28, 2017: Mallinckrodt submitted comments on Community Involvement Website
 - Meeting to discuss Litigant comments on the Community Involvement Website scheduled for April 11, 2017

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES FOR THE FOLLOWING PERIOD

Tasks 2/2A - Technologies and Remedial Approaches for Consideration

- *Work Order 2A-020 - Treatability/Pilot Studies: Scoping Memorandum*
 - No further activity proposed under this WO; comments received from Litigants will be considered in development of work plans under WO 2A-030A
- *Work Order 2A-030A - Phase 1 Bench-Scale Treatability Studies Work Plan:* Initiate development of the work plans specified in WO 2A-030A scope
- *Work Order 2A-040 - Permitting Support for Pilot-Scale Amendment Plots and Alternatives Evaluation:* Submit work order for review by Special Master/Litigants
- *Work Order 2A-080 - Alternatives Evaluation* - Initiate development of remedial alternatives
- *Work Order 2A-100: Recovery Times & Sediment(Hg) Transport* – submit WO for review by Special Master/Litigants

Task 3 - Risk Reduction Evaluation

- *Work Order 3A-010 – BAFs/BSAFs, Biota Trend Analyses:*
 - Continue development of BAFs/BSAFs, Biota Trend Analyses
- *Work Order 3A-020 – Baseline Risk Assessments:*
 - Continue development of baseline risk assessments

Task 4 - Potential Data Needs and Additional Field Work

- *Work Orders 003/003A - Mobile Sediment Pool Characterization:*
 - Submit updated project database including validated WO 4A-020 data to the project SharePoint site
- *Work Order 004 – 2016 Sediment and Water Quality Monitoring:*
 - Review comments on Draft 2016 Sediment and Water Quality Monitoring Report, and revise report as necessary
- *Work Order 005 – 2016 Biota Monitoring:*
 - Continue development of the 2016 Biota Monitoring Report
- *Work Order 4A-010 - Analytical Methods Evaluation and OC Study (formerly Work Order 012):*
 - Continue analytical methods development and comparison study, organic content study, and CSM refinement
- *Work Order 4A-020 - Analyses/Evaluation of WO 003A Samples:*
 - Continue to develop written report of results of mobile pool investigations conducted under WOs 003, 003A, and 4A-020
- *Work Order 4A-030 - Additional Sediment and Wetland Characterization:*
 - Submit work order proposing additional wetland characterization sampling for areas outside of those previously sampled
- *Work Order 4A-040 - 2017 Sediment & Water Quality Monitoring:*
 - Conduct first round of water quality monitoring during spring freshet
- *Work Order 4A-050 - 2017 Biota Monitoring*
 - Prepare for bird monitoring to be conducted in early June 2017
- *Work Order 4A-060 - Additional Mobile Pool Characterization*
 - Prepare WO 4A-060 for additional mobile pool characterization to be conducted summer 2017

Task 5 - Phase III Engineering Study Report

- No activities planned for the upcoming reporting period

Task 6A – Meetings/Communications

- Prepare for and attended April 3, 2017 Monthly Project Status Call with Special Master/Litigants (this will be a follow-on call from the March 30, 2017 Monthly Project status Call)

- Prepare and submit invoice, monthly report, cash flow projection, and updated project schedule for March 2017 to the Special Master/Litigants prior to April 25, 2017 Quarterly Project Status Meeting in Boston, MA
- Prepare for and attend April 24, 2017 meeting in Boston, MA with PRMS Study Panel members
- Prepare for and attend April 25, 2017 Quarterly Project Status Meeting in Boston, MA with the Special Master/Litigants

Task 7 – Community Involvement

- Attend April 11, 2017 call to discuss Litigant comments on Community Involvement Website
- Revise website based on comments
- Develop Community Involvement online survey for Special Master/Litigant review

FUTURE MEETINGS, AND CONFERENCE CALLS

- Meeting with members of the Phase II Study Panel in Boston, MA
 - April 24, 2017
- Quarterly Status Meetings with the Special Master and Litigants will be held in Boston, MA on the following dates:
 - April 25, 2017
 - July 20, 2017
- Monthly Project Status Calls will be held from 2-3PM (Eastern time) on the following dates:
 - May 2017 (TBD)
 - June 2017 (TBD)

CASH FLOW PROJECTION

Please refer to Attachment A for the Amec Foster Wheeler financial status summary and cash flow projection for the next six months.

PROJECT SCHEDULE

Please refer to Attachment B for the updated Amec Foster Wheeler project schedule.

If you have any questions regarding the information contained in this report, please call me at 207-651-0315.

Sincerely,



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Attachments

Attachment A - Cash Flow Projection

Attachment B - Project Schedule (v_23Apr2017)

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ATTACHMENT B – PROJECT SCHEDULE
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