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Attention: Anna Coates

**Subject: Progress Report – February 2005
Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study/Interim Removal Action Measures
Astoria Area-Wide Petroleum Site
Astoria, Oregon
DEQ ECSI File #2277**

Dear Ms. Coates:

This letter presents the progress made by the PRP Group during February 2005 on the RI/FS and IRAM development at the Astoria Area-Wide Petroleum Site in Astoria, Oregon. This work is being conducted in response to DEQ Order No. ECSR-NWR-01-11.

WORK COMPLETED DURING FEBRUARY 2005

Preparation of a technical memorandum presenting data collected under the Upland Data Collection work plan continued. Follow-up work consisting of direct-push borings for additional characterization is planned and a work plan describing the proposed work was begun.

The technical memorandum describing the last round of storm water sampling was submitted to the DEQ on February 25.

Preparation of a technical memorandum related to soil-gas monitoring near the Port office was continued. Arrangements for making precautionary adjustments to the HVAC system to provide a positive pressure inside the building were continued in February. The work plan for sub-slab sampling at the Port office building was initiated.

Cowlitz Clean Sweep (CCS) of Astoria, Oregon, was contracted to install and monitor product absorbent socks in nine site monitoring wells containing measurable product. During routine site visits, each sock will be weighed before and after installation to make an estimate of the volume of product removed. The enhanced synthetic and floating absorbent boom system installed in Slip 2 was inspected and repaired to better move with water level changes. CCS will perform regular inspections and maintenance on the absorbent boom concurrent with the above-mentioned product removal services.

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Preparation of a table describing the interim remedy selection process for the IRAM work plan associated with redevelopment of the former Mobil/Niemi Bulk Plant was completed.

The records relating to status of the decommissioning of Chevron/McCall petroleum pipelines were investigated in February.

A meeting of the PRP Group representatives was held on February 1. A meeting between the PRP Group representatives and DEQ representatives was held on February 17.

WORK PLANNED FOR MARCH AND APRIL 2005

A technical memorandum presenting the results of the CPT/ROST work, as well as other tasks included in the Upland Data Collection work plan will be completed in March. The work plan describing follow-up investigations will be completed in March.

The records relating to the status of the decommissioning of Chevron/McCall petroleum pipelines will continue to be investigated in March.

A follow-up to DEQ comments regarding the Slip 2 sediment investigation and ecological risk assessment will be prepared once a proposed approach is developed.

A technical memorandum presenting the October and December 2004 soil gas data will be completed in March. The HVAC adjustment in the Port office building will be completed, depending on contractor availability. A work plan for sub-slab sampling will be completed in March and April.

The interim product removal activities associated with the hydrocarbon seep IRAM will be conducted in March and April. CCS will inspect and service absorbent socks placed inside the nine monitoring wells containing measurable product, as well as the enhanced absorbent boom in Slip 2 on a monthly basis.

Coordination with developers and preparation of submittals required in the approval of the IRAM work plan for the former Mobil/Niemi bulk plant will be conducted in March and April. The construction schedule is unknown at this time.

Tasks related to preparation of the Remedial Investigation Report for the Astoria Area-Wide site will continue in March and April. An updated project schedule will be prepared and submitted to DEQ in March.

PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED AND RESOLUTIONS

There are no problems requiring resolution in February.

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CLOSING COMMENTS

Please call me at (503)768-5121 if you have any questions or comments regarding this progress report.

Sincerely,

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