

9 January 2009

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United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5
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**Subject: December 2008 Monthly Progress Report
Former Peters Cartridge Company Site
CERCLA DOCKET NO. V-W-04-C-792**

Dear Ms. Molitor:

This monthly progress report documents activities related to the Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) at the Former Peters Cartridge Company Site in Warren County, Ohio (the Site). Monthly Progress Reports for the Site are prepared and submitted pursuant to Paragraph 40 in the Administrative Order on Consent (AOC, effective 14 July 2004) and the 21 September 2004 correspondence from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). Geosyntec Consultants, Inc. (Geosyntec) prepared this report on behalf of E.I. du Pont de Nemours and Company (DuPont). The activities completed during December 2008 and proposed for January and February 2009 are outlined below.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES COMPLETED – DECEMBER 2008

In November 2008, Geosyntec submitted a revised Remedial Investigation Report (RIR), including the Baseline Ecological Risk Assessment (BERA) and the revised Screening Level Ecological Risk Assessment (SLERA), in response to USEPA comments as described in DuPont's September 2008 comment response letters. USEPA issued a letter dated 28 October 2008 approving the comment responses. On 22 December 2008, USEPA provided additional comments on the RIR. DuPont and Geosyntec participated in a conference call with USEPA on 23 December 2008 to discuss the additional comments and develop strategies to address them.

ANALYTICAL DATA

No sampling or testing was planned, and no sampling results or data were received during this reporting period.

PROPOSED PROJECT ACTIVITIES – JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2009

At the beginning of January 2009, DuPont prepared responses to the comments provided in USEPA's 22 December 2008 letter. The comment responses were e-mailed to USEPA on 6 January 2009. USEPA provided further comments in an e-mail dated 7 January 2009. DuPont and Geosyntec are revising the risk calculation tables for the human health and ecological risk assessments in accordance with the 6 January 2009 response letter and USEPA's 7 January 2009 e-mail. The revised calculations are expected to be complete by the end of January 2009, and DuPont will re-issue the RI Report in February 2009.

After completion of the revised risk assessment calculations, DuPont will prepare a draft Memorandum on Remedial Action Objectives (RAOs) for submittal to USEPA as specified in the AOC. This submittal will include an RAO summary table and an accompanying figure that illustrates potential areas targeted for remedial action based on the risk assessment findings. DuPont will also review the "Identification of Candidate Technologies Memorandum" that was submitted at the start of the project and will prepare an updated outline of anticipated remedial actions at the Site for discussion with USEPA. DuPont anticipates preparing this updated outline in February 2009.

If you have questions regarding the information discussed herein, please do not hesitate to contact me at (978) 206-5774.

Sincerely,



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