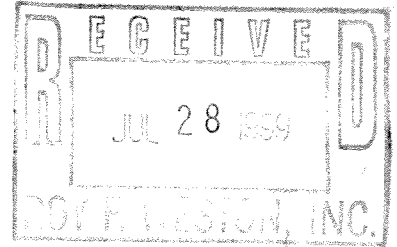


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July 22, 1999

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RE: Status of Newell Street II Source Control Activities (DEP #1-1057; USEPA Area 5B)

GE notified EPA that the automated DNAPL recovery system for well N2SC-11 became operational on July 16, 1999. This system supplements the automated DNAPL recovery system for wells NS-15, NS-30 and NS-32, which became operation in March 1999.

Pursuant to EPA's March 17, 1999 letter concerning *GE's March 10, 1999 submittal titled Newell Street II (DEP #1-1057; USEPA Area 5B) Proposal for DNAPL Recovery Operations*, GE shall perform the following:

1. Continue to implement the existing manual NAPL monitoring and recovery activities.
2. Continue to inspect, maintain, and monitor the automated DNAPL recovery systems.
3. Periodically evaluate the DNAPL recovery systems and adjust operating parameters to optimize DNPAL recovery.
4. Submit to EPA for approval, every six months, a report summarizing and evaluating all of the NAPL monitoring and recovery systems at the Newell Street II Site. The evaluation shall include proposed modifications or additions, if any, to the NAPL recovery systems necessary to optimize NAPL removal. The initial report shall be submitted to EPA by January 17, 2000.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (617) 918-1282.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dean Tagliaferro". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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