

July 14, 2020

Senator Cecile Bledsoe, Co-Chairperson
Representative Jeff Wardlaw, Co-Chairperson
Arkansas Legislative Council
State Capitol Building
Little Rock, AR 72201

RE: Quarterly Status Report (4th Quarter of SFY 2020) on Hazardous Waste Removal Activities at the Trafalgar Road Site in Bella Vista, Arkansas

Dear Co-Chairs:

Pursuant to Section 2 of Act 345 of 2019, the Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment, Division of Environmental Quality (DEQ) respectfully submits the following status report on efforts made to address the conditions at the Trafalgar Road site in Bella Vista, Arkansas.

The Bella Vista Property Owners Association (BVPOA) agreed to take ownership over extinguishing the fire and site restoration. In May and June 2019, BVPOA contractors completed the fire suppression and they are currently working on stabilizing the site.

DEQ contractors initiated work in the Third Quarter of FY2019. Fourth Quarter expenses of FY2020 were in the amount of \$41,020. The total estimated to be expended is \$1,336,800.

DEQ will pay all expenses from the Hazardous Substance Remedial Action Trust Fund. DEQ will not require a loan from the Budget Stabilization Trust Fund to pay for expenses related to the Site.

Since the BVPOA has responded to the incident, DEQ expenses related to the fire suppression have ceased. There still remains subsequent surface water sampling, the last of which is scheduled for July 15, 2020. As of this date, removal efforts are completed, some vegetative growth has occurred with more stabilization activity underway. Water monitoring and restoration by the owner is still underway. The data derived during water monitoring will ultimately determine when this project is completed.

Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 8-7-501 *et seq.*, DEQ is investigating potentially responsible parties (PRPs) who could be liable to the state for cost of the remedial or removal actions referenced above. Evidence is being collected to establish the degree of liability for each PRP. DEQ will continue to seek cost recovery against responsible parties when the investigation is complete and there is a final accounting of all expenses incurred by the State of Arkansas.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jarrod Zweifel', is positioned below the word 'Sincerely,'.

Jarrold Zweifel, PG
Associate Director
Office of Land Resources