



November 11, 2022

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**RE:    PROGRESS REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2022  
       BLOCK 37 SITE  
       600 – 630 WESTLAKE AVENUE NORTH  
       SEATTLE, WASHINGTON  
       AGREED ORDER NO: DE 19430**

Dear Tena:

Atlas has prepared this progress report on behalf of Phillips 66 Company (P66) and City Investors XI L.L.C. to provide a written monthly report to the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology). The purpose of the progress report is to describe actions taken during the previous month to implement the requirements of Agreed Order DE 19430 (AO) and to document any activities conducted during October 2022 at the Block 37 Site. The Block 37 Site, as defined under the AO, is where a hazardous substance, other than a consumer product in consumer use, has been deposited, stored, disposed of, or placed, or otherwise come to be located. The Block 37 Site is generally located at 600 through 630 Westlake Avenue North in Seattle, Washington (Block 37 Property).

This progress report provides a summary of activities performed during the reporting period; deviations from the scope of work; changes in key personnel involved with the work; deviations from the schedule and resolution; a summary of sampling and testing reports; work planned and deliverables for the next reporting period; and public or regulatory communications.

#### **ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD**

Except as expressly noted below, the elements of the work being performed during this reporting period were implemented in accordance with the AO. The following work was conducted for the Block 37 Site in October 2022:

- On October 5, 2022, Atlas emailed to Ecology revised groundwater analytical tables that included highlighting exceedances of selected screening levels. Changes to these tables included the revised screening levels and laboratory practical quantitation limits (PQLs), and the addition of several groundwater samples, per the Ecology-provided comments in the Agency Review Draft Remedial Investigation Work Plan (Draft RI WP).
- On October 12, 2022, Atlas, Ecology, , City Investors XI L.L.C., P66, and Farallon Consulting, L.L.C. met via Teams to discuss Terrestrial Ecological Evaluation (TEE) strategies for the Draft RI WP. Consensus was reached that the TEE could be ended based on exclusions.
- On October 14, 2022. Atlas sent to Ecology revised drafts of the selected screening levels and PQLs for the soil analytical tables, for Ecology's review and approval.
- On October 14, 2022, Atlas submitted to Ecology the monthly AO progress report for September 2022.
- On October 17, 2022, Atlas conducted field activities on the Block 37 Property using ground

penetrating radar (GPR) in an attempt to locate several on-property wells that appear to have been covered by crushed gravel. Although potential locations were identified, wells could not be uncovered, as gravel was too densely compacted to be removed using hand tools. Atlas is planning to return to the Block 37 Property later this month to uncover the wells using an air knife.

- On October 26, 2022, Ecology called Atlas to discuss screening levels and strategies for exposure pathways evaluation in regard to Lake Union and the TEE.
- Continued preparing responses to Ecology's comments and suggested edits to the Draft RI WP transmitted via emails from April through October 2022.

### **CHANGES IN KEY PERSONNEL**

There were no changes in key personnel to report during October 2022.

### **DEVIATIONS FROM APPROVED SCOPE OF WORK**

There are no deviations to report for the work related to the requirements of the AO pursuant to Section VII (Work to Be Performed) in October 2022.

### **DEVIATIONS FROM SCHEDULE AND RESOLUTION**

There were no deviations from the AO schedule to report in October 2022.

### **SAMPLING PERFORMED, RESULTS, DATA VALIDATION, AND EIM DATABASE**

There was no sampling performed in October 2022.

### **WORK PLANNED FOR NEXT REPORTING PERIOD**

Preparation of a summary report describing independent actions that included the installation of wells and groundwater sampling activities conducted in February, May, and August 2022 at the Block 37 Site has been postponed until the results of the planned groundwater sampling in November 2022 are obtained. The independent action report will present four consecutive quarters of groundwater monitoring data to inform the Draft RI WP.

The work planned for November includes addressing Ecology comments to text and associated figures and tables, as well as the Sampling and Analysis Plan and Quality Assurance Project Plan of the Draft RI WP.

Other work planned for the next reporting period includes the following:

- Block 37 Site-wide groundwater sampling activities, and
- Surveying and air-knifing to locate and expose on-property wells that appear to have been covered by crushed gravel.

## **PUBLIC OR REGULATORY COMMUNICATIONS**

Phillips 66 Company and City Investors XI L.L.C. have not participated in any meetings with interested members of the public or local governments, nor had any formal communications with Ecology personnel during this reporting period; however, email communications and progress calls with Ecology are described above. Please contact the undersigned at (206) 491-9754 if you have questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

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