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STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

In the Matter of Remedial Action by:

GREAT WESTERN CHEMICAL 6900 Fox Avenue South Seattle, Washington,

Potentially Liable Person

TO: GREAT WESTERN CHEMICAL 6900 Fox Avenue South Seattle, Washington

I. JURISDICTION

This Order is issued by the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) pursuant to RCW 70.105D.050(1).

II. FINDINGS OF FACT

The mutual objectives of the parties in entering into this Order are to prevent the release of hazardous substances from the Site, to prevent contamination of the waters of the state, and to protect the public health, welfare and the environment. To accomplish these objectives and to resolve the matter constructively and without litigation, Great Western Chemical Company ("GWC") agrees to perform the actions required by the Order. Based upon the information available

to it and without adjudication of any facts or legal issues, and without admission of any facts by GWC, the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) finds that the following facts exist for the purpose of issuance of this Order:

- A. GWC has operated a chemical and petroleum repackaging and distribution facility at 6900 Fox Avenue South, in an industrial district near the Duwamish waterway in south Seattle, for over 30 years. The Site occupies an area of about two-and-one-half acres, and is bounded to the north by South Willow Street, to the west by Fox Avenue South, to the south by an existing railroad spur, and to the east by property that Marian Enterprises currently owns and leases to the Nelson Trucking Company for the storage of truck trailers.
- B. The GWC facility has been in use for commercial repackaging and distribution of chemical and petroleum (lube oil) products since the mid-1950s. Various products manufactured elsewhere are delivered to the Site by truck and rail, stored, repackaged, and then sold for use off-site by others. On-site activities have included the repackaging of bulk chemical and petroleum products, usually from large-size drums and storage tanks into 55 gallon drums or commercial delivery trucks, and the redistribution of already packaged products. The bulk product handling has involved pumping through buried pipes as well as hoses on the surface.

1	C. The facility has contained a number of underground							
2	storage tanks (USTs). All of the tanks have been taken out of							
3	operation and removed or placed in interim closure status in							
4	connection with the major remodeling of the GWC facility.							
5	Sixteen of the USTs are arranged in two clusters. One cluster							
6	consisted of 10 double-compartment 12,000 gallon product tanks							
7	(6000 gallons per compartment) which were located in the							
8	central east-half of the facility prior to their removal in							
9	1990. Four of these tanks were leased to the SIKA Corporation							
10	of Lyndhurst, New Jersey between 1985 and 1989 for the storage							
11	of calcium chloride or sodium hydroxide-based concrete							
12	additives. A fifth tank was used to hold water generated from							
13	the washout of the four SIKA tanks. The other six USTs are							
14	single-compartment 10,000 gallon product tanks and are still							
15	located under the drumming shed beneath a concrete slab in the							
16	southeast corner of the Site.							
17	D. Products previously stored in the USTs by GWC							
18	included:							
19	• acetone							
20	 advance antifreeze (ethylene glycol) 							
	 diethylene glycol (butyl cullosolb) 							

cullosolb solvent (2-ethoxyethanol) ethylene glycol

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isopropyl acetate

(2-butoxyethanol)

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- methanol
- tetrachloroethene

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- methyl isobutyl ketone
- methyl ethyl ketone
- propylene glycol
- solvent GW 350 B (95% petroleum distillate, 2% alkyl-benzene)
- solvent GW 336 (100% stoddard solvent)
- solvent GW 450 (2% xylene, remainder paraffin hydrocarbons
- toluene
- xylene
- diesel no. 1
- E. An additional UST is located under the driveway of the main warehouse loading dock near the building footings. The tank, which was used to store diesel fuel, has been emptied and is currently in interim closure status. All USTs are believed or were confirmed upon removal to be single-shell, steel construction.
- F. In addition to the 16 product USTs, GWC has used nine large, above-ground storage tanks (ASTs), (some with double compartments), ranging up to a maximum capacity of about 13,000 gallons, as well as a half dozen or so small ASTs with nominal capacity of 1000 gallons or less. These tanks have stored various chemical and petroleum products, including acids and lube oils.
- G. As part of an overall remodeling of its facilities, GWC retained the engineering firm Hart-Crowser to provide engineering assistance in the removal of its USTs, AST reconditioning and other facility improvements. Hart-Crowser

performed a geotechnical engineering evaluation and presented its observations and recommendations regarding GWC's proposed facility improvements in a report to GWC dated June 29, 1990. 3 In regard to UST removal, Hart-Crowser notified Ecology and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) of its 5 investigative findings and also provided notice of GWC's 6 intent to remove underground tanks at the facility. 7 course of its study, Hart-Crowser engaged in some subsurface 8 and groundwater investigation at the GWC Site. To date, GWC 9 has installed 27 soil borings, 11 of which have been completed 10 as groundwater monitoring wells. For more detail, see the Hart-Crowser two volume report included as Exhibit B. 12 on analysis completed to date, Hart-Crowser determined that the following hazardous substances are present at the Site:

Volatile Compounds Identified In Soil:

- 1,1-Dichloroethane
- 1,1-Dichloroethene
- 1,1,1-Trichloroethane
- 1,1,1-Trichloroethene
- Trichloroethene.
- 1,2-Dichloroethane
- 1,2-Dichloropropane
- 2-Butanone
- 4-Methyl-2-Pentanone
- Acetone
- Benzene
- Chloroform
- cis-1,2-dichloroethene
- Diethylene Glycol

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6	• Methylene Chloride								
	• Mineral Spirits								
7	• n-Propanol								
8	• Propylene Glycol								
_	• Stoddard Solvent								
9	 Tetrachloroethylene (Perchloroethylene) 								
10	• Toluene								
44	• Xylenes								
11	Semivolatile Organic Compounds In Soil:								
12	Semandad of delife compoditors In Soll:								
13	• Naphthalene								
	• 2-Methylnaphthalene								
14	• Pentachlorophenol								
15	• 4-Methylphenol								
_	Bis(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate								
16	• Di-n-butyl phthalate								
17	• Butylbenzylphthalate								
40	• Di-n-octyl phthalate								
18	• 1,2-Dichlorobenzene								
19	• 1,3-Dichlorobenzene								
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20	• Acenaphthene								
21	• Fluorene								
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24	Pyrene								
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	II.							
1	Metal Compounds In Soil:							
2	• Arsenic							
3	• Cadmium							
3	• Chromium							
4	• Copper							
5	• Lead							
-	• Mercury							
6	• Nickel							
7	• Zinc							
8	Compounds Identified In Groundwater:							
9	• 1,1-Dichlorethane							
10	• 1,1,1-Trichloroethane							
IU	• 1,2-Dichloroethene							
11	• cis-1,2-Dichloroethene							
12	• 1,2-Dichloropropane							
	• 2-Butanone							
13	• Acetone							
14	Benzene							
	• Chloroform							
15	• Ethylbenzene							
16	• Light Hydrocarbons							
17	• Methylene Chloride							
17	• Tetrachloroethene (Perchloroethylene)							
18	• Toluene							
19	• Trichloroethene							
	• Trichlorofluoromethane							
20	Vinyl ChlorideXylenes							
21	vArenes							
22	H. In regard to soils, toluene and tetrachloroethane							
23	(PCE) were the compounds most commonly detected. Toluene was							
24	also the most frequently detected substance in the							
25	groundwater.							

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Several interim remedial measures have occurred at

the Site to date. Ten double-compartment USTs and associated

underground product and vent piping systems have been removed

from the facility. Three bermed soil stockpiles were

generated from the UST and piping removal operations.

have been transported off-site for disposal at Arlington,

Oregon. Concrete removed with the tanks has been disposed

off-site. Further, a series of soil vapor extraction pipes

contamination that has been discovered at the Site to date.

to identify the exact sources of contamination.

III.

makes the following determinations:

No inventory problems have been noted. The RI/FS will attempt

Based on the foregoing findings of fact, supporting

information, and applicable statutes and regulations, Ecology

DETERMINATIONS

The GWC Site is a "facility" as defined in RCW

GWC is a "owner or operator" of the Site as defined

was installed in the base of the tank excavation as the first

GWC is unaware of the exact sources or causes of the

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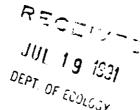
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defined in RCW 70.105D.020(5).												
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The substances described in Section II, paragraph G

- 4. The presence of these substances at the GWC Site constitutes a "release" as defined in RCW 70.105D.020(10).
- 5. By letter dated December 11, 1990 to Ecology, GWC waived the procedural requirements of WAC 173-340-500 and accepted, for the limited purpose of negotiating and implementing this Agreed Order, its status as a potentially liable person, as defined under RCW 70.105D.020(8) and RCW 70.105D.040(1).
- 6. Pursuant to RCW 70.105D.030(1) and 70.105D.050, Ecology may require potentially liable parties to investigate or conduct remedial actions with respect to the release or threatened release of hazardous substances.
- 7. Based on the foregoing facts and in the best interests of the public, Ecology has determined that GWC must take the remedial actions set forth below.

IV. WORK TO BE PERFORMED

Based on the foregoing facts and determinations, it is hereby ordered and agreed that GWC perform the remedial action set forth below. The required remedial action is more fully described in the work plan outline and schedule attached to this Order as Exhibit A. Exhibit A is incorporated by this



reference and is an integral and enforceable part of this Agreed Order.

Based on the results of the subsurface investigations to date, further work is required to characterize the extent and nature of contaminants in soil and groundwater at the Site. Such investigations may reveal that further interim remedial action is needed at the Site. Any further interim remedial action chosen for the Site will be subject to public notice and will not constitute a substantial majority of the final cleanup action likely to be selected. GWC will also need to perform an environmental and health risk assessment and feasibility study of alternative remediation options at the Site. Pilot or treatability studies may be required in order to evaluate various remediation options.

V. TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF ORDER

- 1. <u>Definitions</u>. Unless otherwise specified, the definitions set forth in ch. 70.105D RCW and ch. 173-340 WAC shall control the meanings of the terms used in this Order.
- 2. Public Notices. RCW 70.105D.030(2)(a) requires that this Order be subject to public notice. Ecology shall maintain the responsibility for public notice and participation at the Site. Ecology shall provide such public notice in accordance with the public participation plan developed for this Site. GWC shall be entitled to review and

3. Modification of Order. Ecology reserves the right to modify or withdraw any provision of this Order should public comment disclose facts or considerations which indicate to Ecology that the Order is inadequate or improper in any respect. GWC reserves its right to withdraw its consent to this Order if Ecology revises this Order in any way based on public comment received.

According to WAC 173-340-600(10), the public comment. period shall be thirty (30) days in duration. The public comment period must be completed before this Agreed Order becomes effective.

4. Community Relations. Ecology shall be responsible for community relations at the Site. GWC shall help coordinate and implement community relations for the Site. Ecology shall allow GWC to review fact sheets, press releases, and public notices prior to the release of such information, and shall, where possible, accommodate GWC's concerns. These documents will be submitted to GWC for review one week prior to their release. In the event of disagreement over the contents of any document prepared by Ecology for the purposes of community relations, Ecology shall make the final decision about its content.

Remedial Action Costs. GWC agrees to pay Ecology 5. 1 costs incurred by Ecology pursuant to this Agreed Order. 2 These costs shall include work performed by Ecology or its 3 contractors for investigations, remedial actions, and order 4 preparation, negotiations, oversight and administration. 5 Ecology costs shall include costs of direct activities; e.g., 6 employee salary, laboratory costs, contractor fees, and 7 employee benefit packages; and agency indirect costs of direct 8 activities. GWC agrees to pay the required amount within 9 ninety (90) days of receiving from Ecology an itemized 10 statement of costs that includes a summary of costs incurred, 11 a general description of work performed, an identification of 12 involved staff, and the amount of time spent by involved staff 13 members on the project. Failure to pay Ecology's costs within 14 ninety (90) days of receipt of the itemized statement of costs 15 may result in interest charges. Payment shall be made payable 16 to the State of Washington Toxic Control Account and sent to: 17 Washington Department of Ecology 18

Washington Department of Ecology P.O. Box 5128 Olympia, Washington 98503-5128

6. <u>Designated Project Coordinators</u>. GWC's project coordinator is:

Lee R. Zimmerli 808 S.W. 15th Avenue Portland, Oregon 97205

(503) 228-2600

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The Ecology project coordinator is:

Ching-Pi Wang
Department of Ecology
3190 160th Ave SE
Bellevue, Washington 98008

(206) 649-7134

The project coordinators shall be responsible for overseeing the implementation of this Order. To the maximum extent possible, communications between Ecology and GWC, and all documents, including reports, approvals, and other correspondence concerning the activities performed pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Order, shall be directed through the project coordinator(s). Should Ecology or GWC change project coordinator(s), written notification shall be provided to Ecology or GWC at least ten (10) calendar days prior to the change. The project coordinators may make minor modifications to the work plan, provided there is mutual agreement of the parties evidenced by written documentation.

- 7. Performance. All work performed pursuant to this Order shall be under the direction and supervision, as necessary, of a professional engineer or hydrogeologist or similar expert, with appropriate training, experience and expertise in hazardous waste site investigation and cleanup. GWC shall notify Ecology as to the identity of such engineer(s) or hydrogeologist(s) or similar expert(s).
- 8. Access. Ecology or its authorized representative shall have the authority to enter and freely move about the

Site at all reasonable times for the purposes of, inter alia: inspecting records, operation logs, and contracts related to 2 the work being performed pursuant to this Order; reviewing the 3 progress in carrying out the terms of this Order; conducting such tests or collecting samples as Ecology or the project 5 coordinator may deem necessary; using a camera, sound 6 recording, or other documentary type equipment to record work 7 done pursuant to this Order; and verifying the data submitted to Ecology by GWC. Ecology and its authorized representative 9 agree to comply with applicable health and safety standards 10 when entering the Site. By signing this Agreed Order, GWC 11 agrees that this Order constitutes reasonable notice of 12 access, and agrees to allow access to the Site during regular 13 business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, 14 and any other time at which remedial actions pursuant to this 15 Order are underway. Emergency access shall be governed by WAC 16 173-340-800(6). Ecology shall allow split or replicate 17 samples to be taken by GWC during an inspection, provided GWC 18 has personnel readily available on-site to perform such 19 sampling. GWC shall allow split or replicate samples to be 20 taken by Ecology. Both Ecology and GWC shall provide 21 reasonable notice to each other before any sampling activity. 22

9. Retention of Records. GWC shall preserve in a readily retrievable fashion, during the pendency of this Order and for ten (10) years from the date of completion of

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compliance monitoring, all records, reports, documents, and underlying data in its possession relevant to this Order.

Should any portion of the work performed hereunder be undertaken through contractors or agents of GWC, then GWC agrees to include in their contract with such contractors or agents a provision requiring submittal of applicable records, reports, documents and underlying data to GWC for record retention.

- 10. Dispute Resolution. GWC may request Ecology to resolve disputes which may arise during the implementation of this Order. Such request shall be in writing. Ecology resolution of the dispute shall be binding and final. Unless Ecology agrees to an extension in writing, GWC remains responsible for timely compliance with this Order during the duration of the dispute.
- 11. Reservation of Rights/No Settlement. This Agreed Order is not a settlement under ch. 70.105D RCW. Ecology's signature on this Order in no way constitutes a covenant not to sue or a compromise of any Ecology rights or authority. Ecology will not, however, bring an action against GWC to recover remedial action costs paid to and received by Ecology under this Agreed Order. In addition, Ecology will not take additional enforcement actions against GWC to require those remedial actions required by this Agreed Order, provided GWC complies with this Agreed Order. Ecology reserves the right,

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however, to require additional remedial actions at the Site should it deem such actions necessary.

In the event Ecology determines that conditions at the Site are creating or have the potential to create a danger to the health or welfare of the people on the Site or in the surrounding area or to the condition of the environment, Ecology may order GWC to stop further implementation of this Order for such period of time as needed to abate the danger.

12. Transference of Property. No voluntary or involuntary conveyance or relinquishment of title, easement, leasehold, or other interest in any portion of the Site shall be consummated by GWC without provision for continued implementation of all requirements of this Order and implementation of any remedial actions found to be necessary as a result of this Order.

Prior to any transfer of any legal or equitable interest GWC may have in the Site or any portions thereof, GWC shall serve a copy of this Order upon any prospective purchaser, lessee, transferee, assignee, or other successor in such interest. At least thirty (30) days prior to finalization of any transfer, GWC shall notify Ecology of the contemplated transfer.

13. Compliance with Other Applicable Laws. All actions carried out by GWC pursuant to this Order shall be done in

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requirements.

14. Modification. Ecology and GWC may modify this

accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local

14. Modification. Ecology and GWC may modify this Order by mutual written agreement. Public notice and opportunity for comment on substantial modifications will be governed by the public participation plan.

VI. SATISFACTION OF THIS ORDER

The provisions of this Order shall be deemed satisfied upon GWC's receipt of written notice from Ecology that GWC has completed the remedial activity required by this Order, as amended by any modifications, and that all other provisions of this Agreed Order have been complied with.

VII. ENFORCEMENT

In the event GWC refuses, without sufficient cause, to comply with any term of this Order, this Order may be enforced as follows:

- 1. The Attorney General may bring an action to enforce this Order in state court.
- 2. In any such action, GWC may be liable for up to three times the amount of any costs incurred by the State of Washington as a result of the refusal to comply.
- 3. Additionally, in any such action, GWC may be liable for civil penalties of up to \$25,000 per day for each day they refuse to comply.

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- Should Ecology conduct or provide for conducting the remedial action, the Attorney General will bring an action to recover all costs incurred by the state for such action.
- This Order is not appealable to the Pollution 5. Control Hearings Board. This Order may be reviewed only as provided under RCW 70.105D.060.

EFFECTIVE DATE VIII.

This Agreed Order shall become effective upon completion of the public comment period and upon subsequent execution by both parties.

Effective date of this Order: Sentember 30, WASHINGTON STATE GREAT WESTERN CHEMICAL DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

Section Supervisor Toxics Cleanup Program Northwest Regional Office

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EXHIBIT A

GREAT WESTERN CHEMICAL COMPANY RI/FS WORK PLAN OUTLINE

L INTRODUCTION

This section presents a brief discussion of the site and provides a list of existing technical reports and information on site characterization and conditions. It also describes the format of this RI/FS work plan and the overall goal of the project. The RI/FS work plan will be submitted to Ecology for approval.

II. TECHNICAL APPROACH

This section presents our overall technical approach to the RI/FS. The conceptual model presents our general understanding of potential waste sources, pathways, and receptors at the site. This information is used to develop our conceptual understanding of potential risks the site may pose to human health and the environment. The conceptual model aided in identifying our sampling locations for the RI as well as identification of potential remedial technologies for the site.

III. REMEDIAL INVESTIGATION (RI)

This section presents a detailed discussion of the RI for the GWC site.

TASK 1. Well Installation and Soil Sampling

Task 1 presents a detailed discussion of our plans to advance soil borings and install additional groundwater monitoring wells on and off the site during the RL. The purpose is to increase our understanding of the geology, hydrogeology, soil and groundwater quality, contaminant migration routes, and routes of exposure. Our work under this task will include investigation for the presence of Dense Non-Aqueous Phase Liquids (DNAPLs). The discussion presents our rationale for selection of soil sampling and well locations, in addition to well screen locations.

TASK 2. Groundwater Flow and Quality Assessment

The groundwater assessment details our procedures and rationale for additional assessment of groundwater. This assessment includes measuring fluid levels in monitoring wells, conducting a tidal study, and collecting and analyzing groundwater samples from new and existing monitoring wells located on and off the site.

TASK 3. Groundwater Dispersion Study

A groundwater dispersion study will be performed to assess the amount of water from the waterway being dispersed into the groundwater due to tidal fluctuations. The intent is to provide information on dispersion that may be occurring at the point of discharge into the Duwamish waterway.

TASK 4. Soil Vapor Assessments

Task 4 has two objectives: 1) assess the lateral extent of volatile organics in the vadose zone; 2) evaluate the flux of soil vapors that volatilize from the ground surface under static conditions. The soil vapor test will include investigations under buildings. Information will be used in developing cleanup alternatives and in assessing potential risks to human here associated with volatilization of organics from soils on and off the site.

TASK 5. Soil Vapor Extraction and Groundwater sumping Tests

A soil vapor extraction test and/or groundwater pumping test may be performed, as necessary, depending on the results of Tasks 1 through 4 of the RI. The test results would be used to further assess hydraulic properties in the vapor zone and aquifer(s). If performed, the tests will also aid in assessing routes of exposure and will provide information for evaluation of cleanup alternatives.

TASK 6. Risk Assessment (RA)

Task 6 will assess the likely risks to human health and the environment due to releases from the GWC site. This involves an evaluation of exposure, toxicity, and risk to the most sensitive receptors and includes an evaluation of the uncertainties associated with the assessment.

IV. FEASIBILITY STUDY (FS)

This section presents a generalized FS work plan to provide the flexibility necessary to address the results of Tasks 1 through 6 above. The FS work plan discusses the types of evaluations and processes that are likely to occur during this phase of the project. A site-specific FS work plan cannot be developed until after more information is obtained during the RI and RA. The FS will be revised for Ecology review, as necessary, when additional information is available.

TASK 1. Develop Cleanup Standards

TASK 2. Screen Cleanup Alternatives

TASK 3. Detailed Evaluation of Cleanup Alternatives

TASK 4. Conduct Treatability Studies (If Necessary)

V. IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE

A schedule for implementing this work plan is presented in this section. It consists of a bar chart detailing the time required to conduct each phase of the work plan, dates for deliverables, and review and comment time frames. This schedule includes all activities up through the completion of the final RI/FS report.

VI. REFERENCES

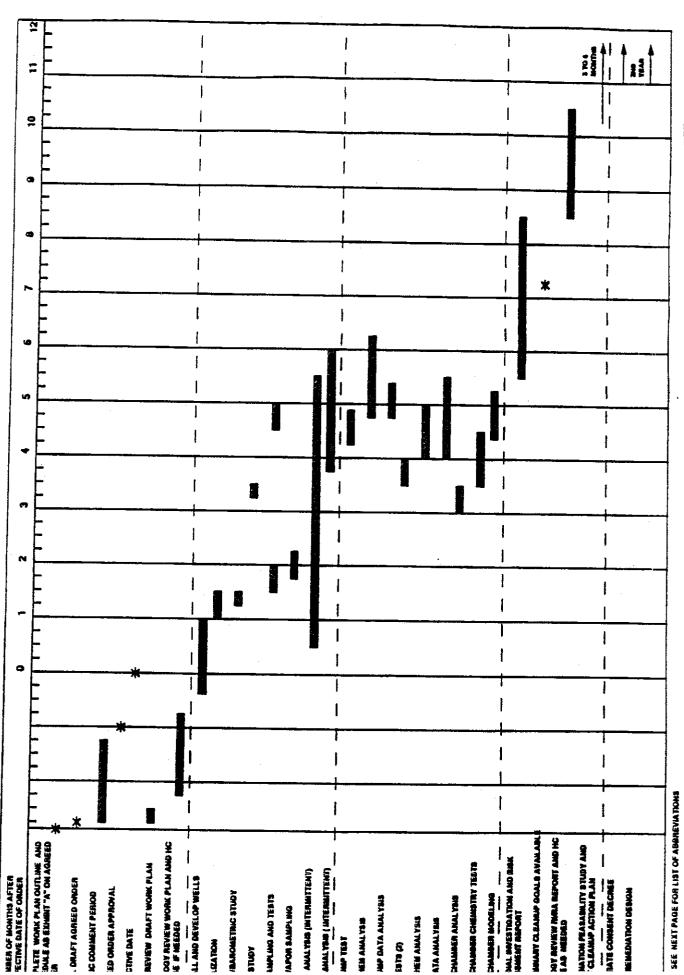
Citations for references used in the text are presented in this section of the work plan.

APPENDICES

The appendices present details on the standard procedures that will be used to carry out the RI/FS.

- A. Well Installation and Soil Sampling Procedures
- B. Groundwater Sampling Procedures
- C. Soil Vapor Test Procedures
- D. Soil Vapor Extraction Test Procedures
- E. Groundwater Extraction Test Procedures
- F. Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP)
- G. Health and Safety Plan

Exhibit A



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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

RI/FS - Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study

GWC - Great Western Chemical Company

HC - Hart Crowser, Inc.

GW - Groundwater

VES - Vapor Extraction System

RI/RA - Remedial Investigation/Risk Assessment