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Work Order No. 02687-007-002

Re: Monthly Progress Report for May 1997
Moss-American Site, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Hart:

Roy F. Weston, Inc. (WESTON®) has prepared this monthly progress report on behalf of the Settling Defendant for the Moss-American Superfund site, Kerr-McGee Chemical Corporation (KMCC). This monthly progress report has been prepared to document progress during May 1997.

Progress During May 1997

Progress during this reporting period includes:

- On 22 April 1997, WESTON issued a letter requesting U.S. EPA approval of a sediment sampling and analysis demonstration. This demonstration was proposed to re-evaluate U.S. EPA and WDNR's proposed requirements for a costly lined disposal unit with leachate collection and treatment. On 8 May 1997, WDNR issued a letter to U.S. EPA providing comments on our 22 April 1997 letter request. U.S. EPA has not yet provided written comment.
- WESTON/KMCC made preparations and mobilized to the site to re-activate the free-product recovery system (Phase I groundwater remediation). On 5 May 1997, the system was re-activated to continue removal of free-product accumulations in the site recovery wells.
- On 1 May 1997, WESTON issued a letter clarifying several issues/interpretations made in WDNR's 8 April 1997 letter documenting our 10 March 1997 meeting.
- On 5 May 1997, KMCC received the final Explanation of Significant Difference (ESD) for the site. Shortly thereafter in mid-May, U.S. EPA issued a fact sheet related to the ESD for the groundwater remedy.



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- On 6 May 1997, WESTON issued a letter to U.S. EPA in response to WDNR's 5 March 1997 memorandum related to site groundwater issues interpreted by WDNR's newly assigned hydrogeologist. On 21 May 1997, WDNR issued U.S. EPA additional comments in reply to our 6 May 1997 letter. U.S. EPA has not yet provided written comment.
- On 14 May 1997, WESTON issued a letter to U.S. EPA to further define the proposed scope of restoration work following remediation of Little Menomonee River sediment. On 2 June 1995, WDNR issued a response to U.S. EPA. U.S. EPA has not yet provided written comment.
- On 15 May 1997, WESTON solicited a request for qualifications and experience (Q&E) statements from over 30 contractors having thermal desorption technology. The Q&E submittals are due to be submitted to WESTON/KMCC on 15 June 1997. This is an initial step in preparation for remedial design and contracting for soil remediation at the site.

Activities Anticipated During June 1997

During June, KMCC/WESTON anticipate the following activities:

- We will continue to work with U.S. EPA and WDNR toward resolution of issues related to developing a revised site remedy and revised statement of work.
- KMCC/WESTON will continue operation and maintenance of the Phase I groundwater remediation system.

Should further clarification of this progress report be required, please contact me at (847) 918-4114.

Very truly yours,

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