Subject: Re: Mills Gap Schedule, Asheville, NC
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Date: Fri, 15 Aug 2008 13:19:30 -0400
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Mr. Gobles,

As you know, the Division considers this site to be a high priority for action. CTS stated in the assessment work plan approved by our office that it would commence drilling within 3 weeks of the Division's approval of the plan. That start date would have been August 18th. MacTec and its subcontractors must provide you with a firm commitment to begin the drilling by 9/8 (as stated in your correspondence below) or you will need to secure another drilling company and/or consultant which could implement the assessment plan by 9/8. It is not acceptable to allow your contractors to dictate schedule changes after approval unless it is a condition outside their control such as a natural disaster. Lack of staff, over commitments and malfunctioning equipment are not acceptable reasons for delays. Any future contracting should require your contractors to perform work in accordance with deadlines set. This is standard practice. Please respond and confirm that you consultant will begin work by 9/8.

We appreciate your cooperation in this matter. However, note that in the event of unacceptable delays, the Division could issue an enforcement order. Please respond to confirm that your contractors are committed to implementation by 9/8. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Kindest regards,

Bonnie S. Ware

On 8/15/2008 9:09 AM, Marv Gobles wrote:

> Hi Bonnie,
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> As requested by your letter dated July 28, 2008, the Phase I assessment work was begun as stated in the Phase I Site Assessment Plan dated 2/28/2008. Quotes for the drilling activities have been received, and AE Drilling Services has been awarded the work. They are scheduled to be on the site on September 8, and we expect the field work for this phase to take approximately 3 weeks. MACTEC is currently updating the Health & Safety Plan to address the activities that will occur during this phase, and a utility locator will mark the site prior to Phase I mobilization.
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> Since drilling firms in general seem to be very busy this time of year, we will verify the start date with AE Drilling the week before, and will advise you if there is any change (a drilling project taking longer than expected, equipment breakdown issues, etc.). You had advised MACTEC of your initial intent to be onsite for the majority of the field activities, so I wanted to advise you of the planned schedule as early as possible.
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> I trust this information is sufficient to assist you in making your plans to be onsite during the field activities, but please let me know if I can provide you with any other information related to this project.

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