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Somali Tomczak
Nicor Gas
1844 Ferry Road
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Re: 0990555005/LaSalle County
Mendota/Black Brothers Company
501 9th Avenue
Site Remediation Program/Technical Reports

Dear Ms. Tomczak:

The Illinois EPA has completed a review of the July 2011 *Site Investigation Work Plan*, which was received on August 9, 2011 (Log No. 11/48383). Burns & McDonnell submitted the work plan on behalf of Nicor Gas for the Black Brothers Company remediation site – a former Manufactured Gas Plant (MGP) in Mendota, Illinois.

The subject work plan is approved with the following comments:

1. Several figures depict the former MGP boundaries. It is assumed that the remediation site boundaries are the same; as future reports are developed, please identify the remediation site boundaries in bold on all figures.
2. It appears that the monitoring well locations were chosen to provide general coverage. Based on the results of the proposed investigation (e.g. determination of site impacts, verification of groundwater flow direction) additional groundwater sampling points may be required (e.g. source area).
3. It should be demonstrated that "f_{oc}" samples are collected from uncontaminated areas of the site; the Illinois EPA requests co-sampling of each of f_{oc} sample for volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs).

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4. Test pits will be completed during the investigation as proposed. Each test pit should be logged to the extent practicable. Recorded data should include information such as general field observations, soil characteristics, and any indications of impacts such as odors and/or staining. It is recommended to perform Total Petroleum Hydrocarbon (TPH) analyses to demonstrate that the soil attenuation capacity is not exceeded in areas of heavy staining and/or significant petroleum odors.

The Illinois EPA requests a fourteen day (minimum) advance notice prior to the initiation of the proposed remediation to potentially schedule a site visit.

All future submittals should include one original and two copies of each document and a DRM-2 Form. An additional copy may be required for the Illinois EPA Community Relations Project Manager.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact me at Jeff.Guy@illinois.gov or (217) 558-6601.

Sincerely,



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