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October 15, 2019 **VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL**

Ms. Diane Salkie
ATTN: Lower Passaic River Remedial Project Manager
Emergency and Remedial Response Division
U.S. EPA, Region 2
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New York, New York 10007

Re: Monthly Progress Report No. 85 – September 2019
Lower Passaic River Study Area (LPRSA)
River Mile 10.9 Removal Action
CERCLA Docket No. 02-2012-2015

Dear Ms. Salkie:

de maximis, inc. is submitting this Monthly Progress Report for the above-captioned project on behalf of the Cooperating Parties Group (CPG) pursuant to the Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent for Removal Action (Settlement Agreement or AOC). The Progress Report satisfies the reporting requirements of Paragraph 28 of the River Mile (RM) 10.9 Removal Action (RA) Settlement Agreement. The CPG previously identified several issues in Section (d) that delayed and complicated the completion of the RM 10.9 RA. These issues have been resolved by the Region's approval of the Long-Term Monitoring and Maintenance Plan (LTMMP) and the RM 10.9 RA Final Construction Report.

(a) Actions which have been taken to comply with this Settlement Agreement during the previous month.

Meetings/Conference Calls

- None.

Correspondence

- On September 9, EPA Region 2 (Region 2) exchanged emails regarding installation schedule for the pore water samplers.
- On September 16, CPG delivered the 2019 Progress Report to Region 2.
- On September 23, Region 2 requested that CPG provide RM 10.9 documents that could not be located.
- On September 24, CPG delivered eight (8) previously provided RM 10.9 documents requested by Region 2.
- On September 24, Region 2 and CPG exchanged emails regarding oversight coordination for the pore water sampler installation field work.

- On September 25, CPG confirmed field mobilization details for the pore water sampler installation with Region 2.

Work

- CPG installed ten (10) sets and one (1) duplicate set of pore water samplers during favorable tides September 28 – 30.

(b) Results of Sampling and Tests

- NA

(c) Work planned for the next two months with schedules relating to the overall project schedule for construction completion and monitoring

- CPG will respond to additional Region 2 comments on the revised Draft RM 10.9 RA LTMMP 2017 Annual Visual Cap Monitoring Report.
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- CPG will finalize review and processing the data collected during the additional poling of the RM 10.9 RA cap during the Upper 9-Mile Bathymetry Survey.
- CPG will retrieve the pore water samplers installed September 28 – 30.

(d) Problems encountered and anticipated problems, actual or anticipated delays, and solutions developed and implemented to address actual or anticipated problems or delays

- N/A

If you have any questions, please contact Rob Law or me at (908) 735-9315.

Very truly yours,

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