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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. 86 – October 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 October 15, CPG delivered the September 2019 Progress Report to EPA Region 2 (Region 2).

Work

- CPG visually checked on the pore water samplers during the month while collecting samples for the Upper 9-Mile Current Conditions surface water monitoring programs.

(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 December 11 – 13 during day-light low tides.

(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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