



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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October 2, 2007

VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL AND ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Environmental Appeals Board (MC1103B)
Attn: Eurika Durr, Clerk of the Board
Ariel Rios Building
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20460-0001

**Re: Joint Status Report
Wyman Gordon Co.
NPDES Appeal No. 06-14
NPDES Permit No. MA0004341**

Dear Ms. Durr:

In connection with the above-referenced permit appeal, please find enclosed for docketing and review by the U.S. EPA Environmental Appeals Board an originally executed copy of EPA-Region 1 and Wyman Gordon Company's Joint Status Report. In lieu of five additional paper copies, electronic copies of each document have been posted to the CDX system.

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 617-918-1095.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Samir Bukhari".

Samir Bukhari
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US EPA-Region 1

Enclosures

cc:

Recipients Listed on Enclosed Certificate of Service

**BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENTAL APPEALS BOARD
UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C.**

In the Matter of:)
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Wyman Gordon Co.)

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JOINT STATUS REPORT

As directed by the U.S. EPA Environmental Appeals Board (“Board”) in its Order Granting Request for a Continued Stay of Proceedings (July 20, 2007), EPA-Region 1 (“Region”) and Wyman Gordon Co. (“Petitioner”) respectfully submit this joint status report on the progress of settlement negotiations in the above-captioned matter.

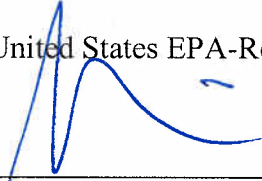
The Region and Petitioner are continuing their efforts to resolve this matter through negotiation. To that end, the Region conducted a site visit to the Wyman Gordon facility on July 25, 2007. Based on the site visit, the Region submitted a detailed settlement proposal to the Petitioner. The Petitioner has submitted a counterproposal, which the Region is in the process of evaluating and which, based upon a preliminary review, appears encouraging. The Region expects to submit its final response to Petitioner's proposal within the next 10 days. As soon as the parties reach agreement on the terms of a settlement, the parties will promptly apprise the Board of that fact and advise the Board how the parties intend to implement the settlement. The parties will also inform the Board if it appears that settlement has become unlikely and suggest an alternative course of action. In light of the progress toward settlement described above, the

parties continue to believe that a negotiated outcome to this dispute is likely. Thus, the parties respectfully request that the existing stay, which is scheduled to expire on November 19, 2007, remain in place to accommodate the latest phase of settlement efforts.

The Petitioner, through its counsel, has informed the Region that it assents to this Joint Status Report and has authorized the Region to file it on its behalf.

Respectfully submitted,

United States EPA-Region 1



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Samir Bukhari, hereby certify that copies of a Joint Status Report in connection with the above-referenced appeal were sent on this October 2, 2007, to the following persons in the manner described below:

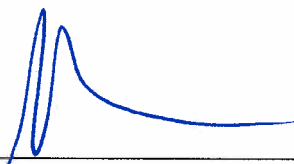
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