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Subject: 2010300074 - Winnebago County
Operational and Functional Period for Source Area 7 Remedial Action
Southeast Rockford Groundwater Contamination Superfund Site
Rockford, Winnebago County, Illinois
Superfund/Technical

Dear Mr. Conrath:

CDM Smith Inc. (CDM Smith) is documenting the start of the operational and functional (O&F) period for the Source Area 7 (Area 7) remedial action (RA) on November 5, 2019. On this date, you and other representatives from Illinois EPA inspected the final component of the Area 7 RA as it was started, tested, and determined to be operating as designed. In turn, this allows the overall Area 7 RA treatment system to operate automatically for days at a time as originally intended and designed. The O&F period will continue for one year with an anticipated end date of November 5, 2020.

During the coming year, CDM Smith and Bodine Services of the Midwest, Inc., the RA Contractor, will continue to make minor adjustments to the contaminant extraction and treatment system to ensure the overall remedy is functioning properly and performing as designed. System adjustments and modifications made since construction was substantially complete include the addition of water quality improvement chemical injection to mitigate bacteria-related equipment fouling, program modifications to the programmable logic controller, filter media evaluations, and treatment component modifications for enhanced accessibility.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at (312) 780-7737.

Sincerely,

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cc: Terese Van Donsel, U.S. EPA