

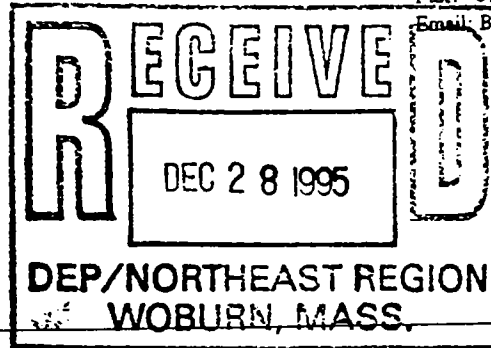
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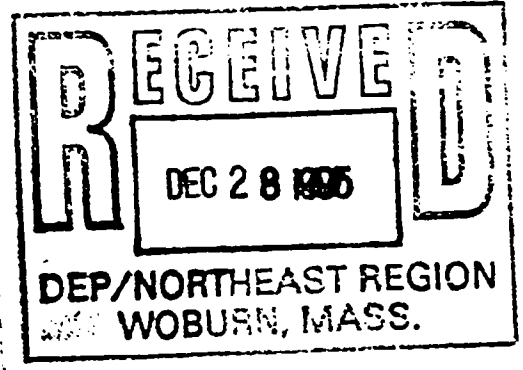
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY (Public Involvement Plan)

W.R. Grace & Co. - Conn.
Cambridge, Massachusetts
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INTRODUCTION

The W.R. Grace facility, located at 62 Whittemore Avenue in Cambridge, Massachusetts, is a Tier II ~~II~~ ^{IC} (non-priority) Confirmed Disposal site in Phase IV, Implementation of the Selected Remedial Action Alternative, of the Massachusetts Contingency Plan (MCP) process. The site Release Tracking Number (RTN) is 3-0277. Being a Tier II site places the activities at the Grace facility under the direction of a Licensed Site Professional (LSP) and not under the direct oversight of the DEP. An LSP is licensed by the State based on education, experience, and the completion of a rigorous examination.

Extensive environmental investigations have been conducted at the Grace facility from 1984 to 1995. A total of approximately 120 test pits, 85 soil borings, 12 surficial soil samples, and 18 sediment samples. Thirty-five groundwater monitoring wells were also installed and twelve surface water sampling sites located. Several rounds of samples were collected from the observation wells and the surface water sampling locations.

The analytical results from these environmental investigations were used in the preparation of a May 1988 Risk Assessment, an August 1989 addendum to the Risk Assessment, and a 1994 Environmental Risk Evaluation. The results from all of these evaluations indicated that the Grace site does not pose harm to human health or the environment.

CURRENT INVESTIGATIONS

The most recent subsurface investigation, conducted in the summer of 1995, focused on areas of the site where Total Petroleum Hydrocarbon (TPH) contamination may have the potential to exceed the Upper Concentration Limits (UCLs) of 10,000 ppm established in the MCP. Although the risk evaluation determined that these areas did not pose risk to human health or the environment, they may be required to be remediated in order to file a permanent Release Action Outcome (RAO) Statement for the site. When the analytical results are received, they will be reviewed for possible exceedances of the UCLs. If the analytical results indicate that areas of the site exceed the UCL, a remedial plan will be designed to address those areas.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN (PIP)

This document is the Public Involvement Plan (PIP). The draft PIP was prepared for Grace by Haley & Aldrich, Inc. (H&A) in accordance with the requirements of the MCP 310 CMR 40.000, and was presented at a public meeting on 2 November 1995 at the Grace facility. Copies of the draft PIP were made available at the Public Information Repositories established pursuant to found in Section 4.1 of this PIP. The intent of the PIP is to provide a vehicle for parties interested in activities being conducted at a disposal site to participate in the MCP process. The PIP establishes Public Information Repositories, site notification mailing lists, and information concerning Technical Assistance Grants. A 20-day public comment period was held on the draft PIP, ending on 27 November 1995. Comments were forwarded to Veronica Wancho



O'Donnell, Haley & Aldrich, Inc., 58 Charles Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02141 prior to the close of business on 27 November 1995. This document is the final PIP. It has been placed in the Information Repositories.

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