

October 31, 2020

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RE: COMMUNITY ENGAGMENT PROGRESS REPORT AUGUST 2020 THROUGH OCTOBER 2020, KUHLMAN ELECTRIC CORPORATION CLEAN UP ACTIONS, CRYSTAL SPRINGS, MISSISSIPPI

Dear Ms. Collier:

This report provides a summary of community engagement actions for the Kuhlman Electric Corporation (KEC) environmental clean-up in Crystal Springs, Mississippi, as required by the Community Engagement Plan approved by the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) on July 17, 2012. This report will cover the period from August 2020 through and including October 2020. Future reports will continue to be provided quarterly.

KEC has continued to be actively engaged with the community. During this quarter, KEC with its consultants Environmental Management Services (EMS) and Caffee, Caffee and Associates (CCA) has updated and notified Crystal Springs residents of remedial activities through community meetings, one-on-one dialogue, and quarterly newsletters.

The following Corrective Action Plan milestone activities were initiated or continued during this reporting period:

- Soil Vapor Extraction System Operation and evaluation (ongoing).
- Capacity Plan Implementation
  - o Operation of new City wells CSW-WA9 and CSW-WA10 continued.
  - o City wells CSW-WA1 and CSW-WA2 remain out of service.
  - o Installation of new supply pipeline efforts initiated.
  - o Evaluation of potential additional supply well locations continued.
  - o SVE performance monitoring data evaluation continued.
- Groundwater monitoring continued.

Progress in implementing the Community Engagement Plan as it relates to these specific milestones, above, is detailed in Table 1 (attached). There were no required activities that were not completed.

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Community relations are conducted on an as-needed basis, designed to meet the requests and needs of the public. The current status is as follows:

#### Points of Contact

The local contact is Craig Flagge, Health Safety Environment Manager for the Hitachi ABB Power Grids Crystal Springs facility.

#### **Fact Sheets**

Fact sheets are available on an ongoing basis, as requested from the public. Fact sheets available are:

- Soil Vapor Extraction
- Air Sparging
- Monitored Natural Attenuation
- Groundwater Corrective Action Plan

#### Media Releases and Briefings

There were no media releases or briefings.

#### **Public Notices**

There were no Public Notices required or completed.

#### Information Repository

Final reports are submitted to MDEQ for deposition in the information repository, maintained by MDEQ online at <a href="https://www.deq.state.ms.us.">https://www.deq.state.ms.us.</a> Final reports are also maintained at the Crystal Springs Public Library Information Desk, 200 South Jackson Street, Crystal Springs, MS. During this reporting period, the library is closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic; therefore, reports and newsletters will be provided for public access through the Crystal Springs City Hall. The following submittals will be made to MDEQ and the Crystal Springs Library once it reopens:

• Soil Vapor Extraction System First Semi Annual Report 2020 (October 2020).

#### Local Briefings and telephone briefings

Caffee, Caffee and Associates (CCA), on behalf of KEC, continues to hold individual meetings as requested, as well as telephone conversations each quarter. CCA has maintained communication and a presence in the community each month to reassure residents of KEC's community engagement efforts. Additionally, representatives hold one-on-one talks with businesses and churches in Crystal Springs while hand delivering copies of the KEC newsletter (see Direct Mail below) during normal quarters. These actions were reduced during this quarter due to COVID-19 concerns.

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#### Public Meeting, Open Houses and Small Group Meetings

CCA has continually offered updates during the reporting period, as requested, not including those who received newsletters (see Direct Mail below).

#### Direct Mail

KEC continues to distribute copies of the quarterly newsletter, the Kuhlman Cleanup News. The most recent version was issued in October 2020. Over 1600 newsletters will be made available at City Hall and any open businesses. No individual distribution was conducted due to COVID-19 precautions. Businesses and churches receive copies of the newsletter to ensure a broad distribution and that interested individuals have multiple locations to obtain a copy. The October issue of the newsletter provided updates on the soil vapor extraction system, water quality monitoring, and municipal supply augmentation progress. A copy is attached.

#### Comment Period and Comment Responses

MDEQ has not notified KEC of any other public notice/comment periods required at this time.

### **Upcoming Activities**

KEC will provide the next quarterly update in January 2021. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions you might have at 601-892-6567.

Sincerely,

Craig Flagge
Craig Flagge

HSE Manager, Hitachi ABB Power Grids Crystal Springs, MS

# TABLE 1 - CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN MILESTONE/COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT TASK SUMMARY

CAP Milestone	Anticipated Date	Planned Community Engagement Activities	Task Initiated and/or Completed	Task Planned for Following Quarter	Problems and Delays
Capacity Plan for Potable Water Supply, City of Crystal Springs  (submitted to MDEQ, and MDOH June 8, 2012).	Summer 2012	<ul> <li>Concurrently submit to the mayor of the City of Crystal Springs for review and comment.</li> <li>Publish in quarterly newsletter to interested parties.</li> <li>Update civic leaders.</li> <li>Approved document will be placed in public repository.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Capacity Plan for Potable Water Supply approved by MDEQ in December 2012.</li> <li>Quarterly Newsletter distributed to Crystal Spring's residents and businesses in January 2013.</li> <li>Mayor and Civic leaders were updated through the Newsletter.</li> <li>Documents placed in the public repository. Also available upon request.</li> </ul>	- None at this time. This milestone is complete.	- None at this time.
Capacity Plan Implementation Interim Treatment System Final Design	Summer – Fall 2012	<ul> <li>Will be submitted to MDEQ, MSDH, and engineers selected by the City of Crystal Springs.</li> <li>Approved design will be placed in the public repository at the Crystal Springs library and on the MDEQ website.</li> <li>Public notice upon approval.</li> <li>Update civic leaders.</li> <li>Publish in quarterly newsletter to interested parties.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>The bench study and final design was successfully completed.</li> <li>The MDSH issued a letter of concurrence with the proposed interim treatment system design in November 2012.</li> <li>The final design was approved by MDEQ in December 2012.</li> <li>Public notice and updates to civic leaders were provided via quarterly newsletter in January 2013.</li> </ul>	- None at this time. Design is complete.	- None at this time.

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Capacity Plan Fall 2013 - Public notice - 7	Treatment system   - System will   - None at this
Implementation  Interim Treatment System Construction Complete  Complete  - Update civic leaders Publish in quarterly newsletter to interested parties - Attend regularly scheduled City meeting on an annual basis and provide update.	Treatment system site preparation and construction complete. Public notice provided in The Meteor article published Nov 6, 2013. Update published in quarterly newsletters October 2013. Capacity Plan for Potable Water Supply Status Report submitted to MDEQ and City in August 2013. Tests conducted in Sept/Oct 2013 confirmed the system will perform as designed. Operations Demonstration conducted for City, MDOH, and MDEQ Oct 30, 2013. Ready to be activated if treatment of the City wells becomes necessary. Emergency Generator added July 2015.

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Capacity Plan Implementation  Long term volume replacement, as needed	Ongoing	<ul> <li>Progress will be included in Groundwater monitoring reports submitted to MDEQ.</li> <li>Update civic leaders.</li> <li>Publish in quarterly newsletter to interested parties.</li> <li>Attend regularly scheduled City meeting on an annual basis and provide update.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Updates via newsletters, Capacity Plan for Potable Water Supply Status Report (August 2013), verbal reports.</li> <li>Collaboration with City.</li> <li>Supply Wells CSW-WA9 and CSW-WA10 complete January 2016.</li> <li>CSW-WA9, CSW-WA10 approved July 2016.</li> <li>CSW-WA9 CSW-WA10 operating June 2017.</li> <li>CSW-WA1 and CSW-WA2 taken out of service July 2017.</li> <li>Water Main easements acquired, vendor selected.</li> <li>Additional supply well location tested, well installed.</li> <li>City approval to purchase land for third supply well granted March 2020.</li> <li>Water Main Installation started July 2020.</li> </ul>	- Complete water main Design/site additional Supply Well Continued collaboration with City.	- Additional well and access needed; this has delayed this task.

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	Date	Engagement	and/or Completed	Following	Delays
		Activities		Quarter	
Expected results	Fall 2012	<ul> <li>Updates with</li> </ul>	- The initial test of	- None at this	- None at this
of Soil Vapor		individuals, as	the proposed Soil	time. This	time.
Extraction (SVE)		requested.	Vapor Extraction	milestone is	
Pilot Test		<ul> <li>Results will be</li> </ul>	(SVE) procedure	complete.	
		included in Final	was successfully		
		Design submitted	completed in May		
		to MDEQ. Once	2012.		
		approved, MDEQ	- The results were		
		will place the	be included in the		
		design in a public	final design		
		repository at the	submitted to		
		Crystal Springs	MDEQ.		
		library and on the	- Updates on this		
		MDEQ website.	milestone were		
		<ul> <li>Publish in quarterly</li> </ul>	included in the		
		newsletter to	October 2012		
		interested parties.	Quarterly		
			Newsletter.		
			<ul> <li>Pilot Test Report</li> </ul>		
			and SVE		
			Conceptual Design		
			submitted to		
			MDEQ in February		
			2013; approved in		
			July 2013.		

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Final design of Fall 2013 - A final design will - Deta	<b>Quarter</b> d design - None. This - None.
be submitted to MDEQ. Once approved, MDEQ will place the design in a public repository at the Crystal Springs library and on the MDEQ website.  Publish in quarterly newsletter to interested parties.  Update civic leaders.  Update civic leaders.  SVE soll \( \)  Extra Desig Assure Plan MDE 2013  MDE 2013  MDE 2013  MDE 2013  Update inclu July 2013	milestone is complete.  ement, and tion of the tem. tual Design omitted to in February evised May and ed July

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Installation of SVE System	Winter 2013-2014	<ul> <li>Construction         report will be         submitted to         MDEQ.</li> <li>Approved report         will be placed in         public repository at         Crystal Spring's         library and on         MDEQ website.</li> <li>Publish in quarterly         newsletter to         interested parties.</li> <li>Attend regularly         scheduled City         meeting on an         annual basis and         provide update.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Extraction well installed as part of the SVE pilot test in 2012.</li> <li>Soil Vapor Extraction Final Design and Quality Assurance Project Plan approved by MDEQ October 2013.</li> <li>Installation of the full scale SVE system was completed December 2013 - April 2014.</li> <li>Optimization and start of operation occurred in May 2014.</li> </ul>	- None at this time. This milestone is complete.	- None at this time.

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Monitored Natural Attenuation (MNA)/ Groundwater Monitoring	Ongoing Semi- Annually	<ul> <li>Groundwater         Monitoring Reports         will be sent to the         MDEQ following         each sampling         event.</li> <li>Final Monitoring         Reports will be         placed in a public         repository at the         Crystal Springs         Library and the         MDEQ website.</li> <li>Updates with         individuals, small         groups as         requested.</li> <li>Publish in quarterly         newsletter to         interested parties.</li> <li>Attend regularly         scheduled City         meeting on an         annual basis and         provide update.</li> </ul>	- Semi-Annual Groundwater Assessment Report submitted to MDEQ Two additional monitoring wells installed December 2015 Notice of upcoming reports/sampling included in quarterly newsletters Documents submitted to MDEQ for placement in the public repository. Also available upon request.	- KEC will respond to any comments that might be received on the Semi-Annual Groundwater Assessment Report submitted to MDEQ.	- City meeting schedule not established. City satisfied with verbal updates and newsletters to date.

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Ongoing SVE operations	Ongoing Quarterly- to Semi- Annually	<ul> <li>KEC will submit a summary of the active SVE operations within the Ground Water Assessment Reports.</li> <li>Publish in quarterly newsletter to interested parties.</li> <li>Attend regularly scheduled City meeting on an annual basis and provide updates.</li> </ul>	- Soil Vapor Extraction System Semi-Annual Report issued September 2015 Monitoring, operation and maintenance of SVE is ongoing Updates are included in quarterly newsletters Performance assessment soil sampling program completed 4Q 2016. Report submitted 1Q2017.	- Operation and monitoring of full scale system.	- None at this time. Attendance at City meetings not requested.
Air sparge (AS) vs. alternative remedial method evaluation – KEC will evaluate the effectiveness of the SVE system and either proceed with the installation of Air Sparging or an alternative plume treatment scenario.	Fall - Winter 2014	<ul> <li>Recommendations will be made available to MDEQ in written format.         Any changes to the CAP approved by MDEQ will be posted to the public document repository.</li> <li>Publish in quarterly newsletter to interested parties.</li> <li>Attend regularly scheduled City meeting on an annual basis and provide updates.</li> </ul>	- Timing for this milestone is pending monitoring results from operation of the SVE system. To date, the system continues to remove contamination from beneath the building slab.	- Continued evaluation of SVE system performanceAugmentation pilot and design refinement.	- SVE System start up delayed until 2014; performance evaluation ongoing.

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Contingencies/In Situ Treatment – Groundwater trends will be reexamined and KEC will determine if the treatment technologies are meeting the CAP objectives.	2014 – 2015	- Will be summarized on Groundwater Monitoring reports Final Monitoring Reports will be placed in a public repository at the Crystal Springs Library and the MDEQ website Updates with individuals, small groups as requested Publish in quarterly newsletter to interested parties Attend regularly scheduled City meeting on an annual basis and provide updates.	- Groundwater trends indicate that SVE is making progress toward CAP objectives.	- Data evaluation will continue in 2020.	- Delayed due to delayed implementation and ongoing effectiveness of SVE system.
No Further Remedial Action Request (Monitoring Only)	To Be Determined	<ul> <li>Formal request will be submitted to MDEQ when data supports it.</li> <li>Public notice.</li> <li>Publish in quarterly newsletter to interested parties.</li> <li>Attend regularly scheduled City meeting on an annual basis and provide updates.</li> </ul>	- This milestone will be completed pending the results of planned remedial actions.	- None at this time.	- None at this time.