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SUBJECT: Monthly Progress Report – May 2004
Former GE Albuquerque Apparatus Inspection & Repair Service Center
4420 McLeod Road, North East, Albuquerque, New Mexico
General Electric Consent Decree, Civil Action No. 87-1073-jb

Dear Ms. Ware:

On behalf of GE Energy (GE), URS Corporation (URS) hereby submits this Monthly Status report for the above-referenced facility. In July 2001, GE, USEPA and NMED entered into discussions following a period of reduced activity regarding the site. As a result of these discussions URS, on behalf of GE, has since prepared and submitted a revised document entitled *Revised Closure Plan, Final Corrective Measure Study Report, Preliminary Corrective Measure Implementation Work Plan (Work Plan)* for the Former Apparatus Service Center, Albuquerque, New Mexico on August 16, 2002. This document was prepared at the direction of the USEPA and NMED to replace previously prepared documents that had not been acted upon by the agencies.

On May 20, 2003, GE submitted Final Revisions to the Work Plan, which addressed USEPA's and NMED's comments on previous submittals. On August 11, 2003, GE received a letter, dated August 5, 2003, from USEPA that indicated the May 20, 2003 Final Revisions to the Work Plan met the USEPA's and NMED's requirements in USEPA's conditional approval letter, dated January 10, 2003. The August 5, 2003 letter also stated that NMED would provide their response in a separate letter. On December 9, 2003, GE received a hard copy of the Final Decision and Response to Comments (FDRC) document from USEPA. On December 22, 2003, representatives of GE and URS participated in a telephone conference with representatives of USEPA (Mr. Robert Wilkinson and Ms. Rita Ware) and NMED (Mr. Will Moats) to resolve minor discrepancies between the FDRC and previous correspondence from USEPA. On January 2, 2004, GE received a letter from NMED that approved the Final Revisions to the Work Plan.

Drilling activities were initiated at the site on February 3, 2004. Subsurface soil samples were collected at each boring location at the prescribed depths and in accordance with the procedures stated in the USEPA and NMED-approved Work Plan, and submitted on a daily basis to Severn Trent Laboratories (STL) for the analysis of PCBs by EPA Method 8082. Based on preliminary lab results, three additional soil borings were performed at the site to further define the limits of excavation. Ms. Rita Ware and Mr. Robert Wilkinson of the USEPA performed a site inspection



on February 5, 2004. It is our understanding that USEPA was satisfied with site work and did not express any concerns regarding site work prior to departure from the site at completion of the USEPA site visit.

During the period of March through April 2004, URS conducted three additional rounds of soil sampling at the site. The intent of each of these sampling rounds was to define the limits of the planned excavation area. During this period URS requested two 30-day extensions, which were granted by the USEPA, to the schedule for completing the pre-implementation investigation.

The recent activities that have transpired since the preceding monthly progress report are:

- On May 5, 2004, URS received preliminary lab results for the soil samples that were collected at the site on April 27, 2004. Based on examination of this preliminary lab data, URS recommended to GE that additional soil borings be performed to define the limits of excavation in the southern portion of the site.
- On May 10, 2004, URS made a request, via electronic mail, to the USEPA and NMED for a 30-day extension to June 16, 2004 to conduct another round of soil sampling at the site. On that same day URS had a telephone conversation with Ms. Rita Ware of the USEPA, during which she verbally approved the extension request. A figure showing the current revised project schedule is attached.
- On May 12, 2004, URS advanced one additional soil boring (designated as 5095 on the attached figure) and collected two additional soil samples for analysis. The location of boring 5095 was based on the soil analytical results from the preceding round of soil sampling.
- On May 19, 2004, URS received preliminary lab results for one of the two soil samples collected at the site on May 12, 2004. Based on examination of this preliminary lab data, URS recommended to GE that two additional soil borings be performed to define the limits of excavation in the southern portion of the site.
- On May 24, 2004, URS advanced two additional soil borings (designated as 5096 and 5097 on the attached figure) and collected four additional soil samples for analysis. The locations of borings 5096 and 5097 were based on the soil analytical results from the preceding round of soil sampling conducted on May 12, 2004.
- Upon receipt of the lab data from this most recent round of soil sampling, URS will evaluate whether additional borings are required to further define the limits of excavation at the site. Should additional soil borings be needed, URS will advise the Department if an extension to the currently established deadline of June 16, 2004 is necessary in order to complete the pre-implementation investigation.

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URS will continue to submit monthly status reports to the USEPA and NMED for this project. More detailed information or copies of daily reports, inspection reports, laboratory/monitoring data, etc., are available for review at any time upon request by either the USEPA or NMED. Please contact either Edward F. Jamison, P.G., of GE at (518) 385-7979 or the undersigned at (518) 688-0015 if you have any questions or concerns regarding this information.

Very truly yours,

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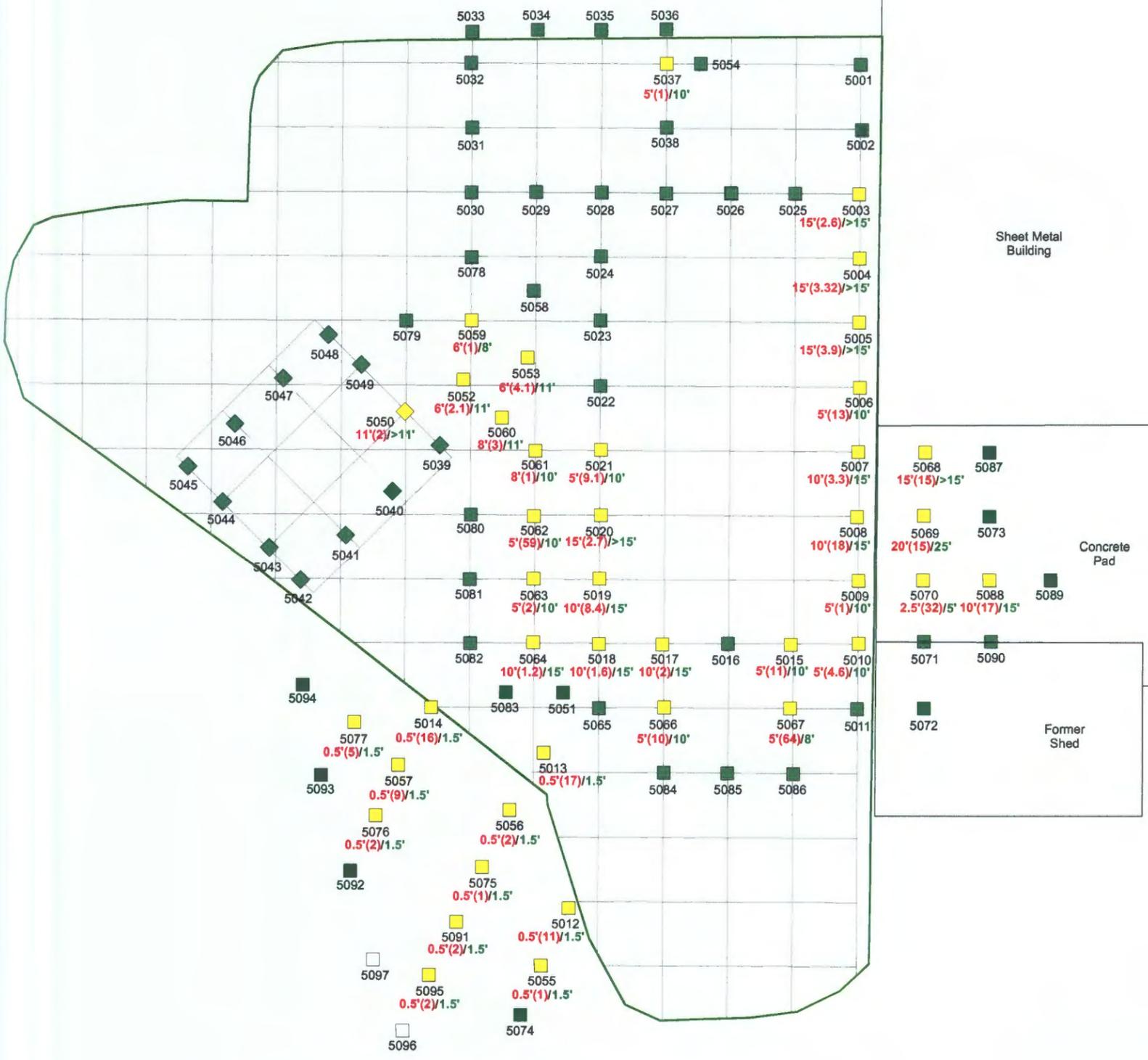
Attachments: Revised Corrective Measure Implementation Schedule
Figure 1 – Pre-Implementation Soil Boring Locations

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Revised Corrective Measure Implementation Schedule
GE Power Systems
Former Apparatus Service Center
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Task Name	Duration (Days)	Start Date	Finish Date	Jan-04	Feb-04	Mar-04	Apr-04	May-04	Jun-04	Jul-04	Aug-04	Sep-04	Oct-04	Nov-04	Dec-04	Jan-05	Feb-05	Mar-05	Apr-05	May-05	Jun-05	Jul-05	Aug-05
GE Receipt of EPA and NMED Approved Final CMS Documents	0	1/2/04	1/2/04	★																			
Conduct Pre-Implementation Investigation	165	1/3/04	6/16/04																				
Prepare Final Design and Contract Documents	45	6/17/04	8/2/04																				
Solicit Bids	30	8/3/04	9/2/04																				
Receive Bids	0	9/2/04	9/2/04																				
Evaluate Bids	30	9/3/04	10/4/04																				
Contractor Mobilization	30	10/5/04	11/4/04																				
Implement Corrective Measure (mobilization through disposal), meet TSCA Part 40 CFR 761.61 and NM Hazardous Waste Regulations (20.4 NMAC) (Note: see implementation schedule for details)	120	11/5/04	3/7/05																				
Prepare Draft Corrective Measure Certification/Site Closure Document (Corrective Measures Implementation Report and a Clean Closure Equivalency Demonstration, OSWER Direction 9476.00-18 and 40 CFR 270.1(20.4.1.900 NMAC))	60	3/8/05	5/9/05																				
Submit Draft Corrective Measure Certification/Site Closure Document	0	5/9/05	5/9/05																				
EPA and NMED Review of Draft Corrective Measure Certification/Site Closure Document	60	5/10/05	7/11/05																				
Receive Comments on Draft Corrective Measure Certification/Site Closure Document	0	7/11/05	7/11/05																				
Decommission Groundwater Monitoring Wells	15	7/12/05	7/27/05																				
Prepare Well Decommissioning Report	15	7/28/05	8/12/05																				
Submit Well Decommissioning Report to NMED	0	8/12/05	8/12/05																				
Address Comments on Corrective Measure Certification/Site Closure Report	30	7/12/05	8/11/05																				
Submit Final Corrective Measure Certification/Site Closure Document (Receive certification per 40 CFR 265.115)	0	8/12/05	8/12/05																				
EPA Provides Letter Stating Order Has Been Complied With	0	8/29/05	8/29/05																				

Note: If the completion date of a task fell on a weekend or holiday, the completion date was adjusted to the next business day.
Schedule modified based on May 10, 2004 telephone conversation with Ms. Rita Ware of the EPA.

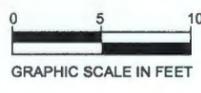


NOTES:

See Table 1 for sample depths.
 PCB data are compared to the TSCA guidance value of 1 mg/kg for PCB remediation waste (40 CFR §761.61), which has been adopted as the corrective measure objective (i.e., cleanup level) for the site.

LEGEND:

- Total PCBs >= 1.0 mg/kg action level
- Total PCBs < 1.0 mg/kg action level
- Analytical results pending
- 5'(1)/10'** Depth of deepest sample with concentration >= 1.0 mg/kg / Depth of PCBs < 1.0 mg/kg



Title: PRE-IMPLEMENTATION SOIL BORING LOCATION MAP
 Location: FORMER APPARATUS SERVICE CENTER ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO
 Client: GENERAL ELECTRIC ENERGY

	Drafter: BKG	Date: June 1, 2004
	Drg. Size: 11 x 17	Job No.: 38394098
FIGURE 1		

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