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Subject: Excavation work at the Railroad Rack Lagoon Fan-out Area

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Dear Hope:

I hope this is not too short a notice, but various factors have come together and we have started the excavation of the railroad rack lagoon fan-out area yesterday. All work is proceeding according to your approval notice and the work plan we submitted previously.

Essentially, we have taken advantage of the good weather, personnel availability (e.g. Regina Mitchell of Trihydro is here on a different project), and the fact that our trainer for the field screening technique we have adopted (these are immunoassay kits using a spectrophotometer and color change, with high sensitivity for TPH, DRO, etc. made by Strategic Diagnostics Inc.) is here this week. We will do field screening using extraction kits for soil samples, and also send confirmatory samples to the Hall environmental testing laboratory, once the field screening shows we have reached the desired clean-up levels. As SDI's trainer could come this week, we have the advantage of using a fully trained person to test our field screening samples while we get trained on their equipment.

I believe you wished to have a week's notice before excavation. I hope this shorter notice will not be too big of a mistake on my part.

We will provide you with all the details of our field screening effort in our final report. In the meantime, you may wish to see some details on the SDI web site – available at <http://www.sdix.com/ProductSpecs.asp?nProductID=33>

Best regards,

Raj

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