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RE: Request for Federal Action – Sikeston Well #8 Site - MON000706225

Dear Scott Hayes:

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources' Superfund Section is referring the Sikeston Well #8 Site located at 400 North West Street in Sikeston, MO to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region VII for federal action. Sikeston Well #8 is a former dry cleaner site with a tetrachloroethylene (PCE) groundwater plume that has impacted two of the city of Sikeston's public drinking water wells. This is a remedial site with the potential need for a removal action to address risk to the public wells and possible vapor intrusion. Enclosed is a Request for Federal Action form and below are details on the site. All supporting documentation will be sent via our FTP site due to the large size of the documents.

The Sikeston Well #8 site is eligible for proposal to the National Priorities List; however, the Department deferred referral to EPA when Aramark Uniform & Career Apparel, LLC (Aramark) indicated their willingness, in 2016, to conduct further investigation under state oversight in the Department's Superfund Cooperative Program. Since that time, the Department has been overseeing remedial investigation work conducted by Aramark; however, this work has been conducted without a legally binding order. The Department utilizes legal orders to ensure responsible parties follow the Superfund process consistently. The Department's attempts to negotiate an Abatement Order on Consent for Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study since 2016 have ultimately been unsuccessful.

The Sikeston Well #8 site consists of a commercial laundry facility owned and operated by Aramark and its predecessors, located at 400 N. West Street, Sikeston, Scott County, Missouri, and a PCE groundwater plume. The primary risks of exposure associated with the site are the drinking water and vapor intrusion pathways. The Department began investigations at the site in 2007, and completed a Pre-CERCLIS Screening in 2010, a Preliminary Assessment in 2013, and a Site Inspection in 2017. In response to a 104(e) letter sent by the Department in 2014, Aramark documented a release of PCE at the site in 1968, related to a shipment of 2,000 gallons of PCE that was stored in an underground tank.



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The city of Sikeston's public drinking water well #8 [REDACTED] and has had detections of PCE since quarterly monitoring was required by the Department in 2006. PCE levels in Well #8 have exceeded the MCL of 5.0 ug/L on two occasions in 2009, however, the 4-quarter rolling average has not exceeded the MCL. Sikeston Well #13 was installed in 2013, and [REDACTED]. PCE was detected in Well #13 in April and October 2021, but was non-detect in January and May 2022. The Sikeston Board of Municipal Utilities (BMU) Plant #3 [REDACTED] to serve the city of Sikeston. PCE, TCE and cis-1,2-DCE have been reported at levels below 1.2 ug/L per compound in treated water from Plant 3, beginning in October 2021.

Aramark has retained TRC Environmental Corporation in Madison, Wisconsin, to conduct environmental investigations of the site. Between 2016 and 2018, TRC conducted a phased soil and groundwater investigation at the site to characterize the nature and extent of contamination which culminated in a draft Remedial Investigation Report with ecological and human health risk assessments as appendices. In response to Department comments, TRC installed 13 new monitoring wells in 2019 and 2021 to better define the contaminant plume, continued groundwater monitoring, and submitted a Workplan for Vapor Intrusion and Industrial Hygiene Sampling. The Department will transmit all file information including draft documents and Department response letters.

When EPA is able to successfully negotiate an order with Aramark, the Department would like to request future participation in oversight of investigation and cleanup work as a support agency under our Superfund Combined Cooperative Agreement.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (573)751-7880 or toll free at 1-800-361-4827, or by e-mail at valerie.wilder@dnr.mo.gov.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

c: Tabatha Adkins, EPA Site Remediation Branch Chief
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REQUEST FOR FEDERAL ACTION

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources requests, pursuant to Section 128(b)(1)(B)(i) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. § 9608(b)(1)(B)(i), the assistance of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 7 (EPA) in the evaluation of site conditions and/or the performance of a response action, for the following site:

Sikeston Well #8 – MON000706225
Site Name

400 N. West Street
Street Address/Property Description

Sikeston
City

Scott
County

Missouri 63801-5442
State

By making this request, the Requesting Agency recognizes that the EPA, or any other entity acting on behalf of the EPA, may use its authorities under CERCLA, the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan, 40 CFR Part 300, or any other federal statute, regulation or response program, to respond to and recover costs incurred in response to releases or threats of releases of hazardous substances, pollutants and/or contaminants at or from the site. By making this request, the Requesting Agency waives notice as otherwise required by Section 128(b)(1)(D) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9628(b)(1)(D). The signatory of this request is authorized to make this request on behalf of the Requesting Agency.

Date 6/30/2022

Valerie Wilder 
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Missouri Department of Natural Resources
Requesting Agency