

Mill River Cleanup Project Update

April 2015

Update No. 4

This is our monthly project update for the cleanup of lead impacted sediment by hydraulic dredging in the Mill River. We have been on “winter shut-down” since the middle of December 2014. We have returned to the site and have resumed sediment dredging activities in the Mill River near Exide’s property located at 2190 Post Road in Fairfield. The dredging sequence for 2015 is: Areas III, I, II, and IV. This modified dredging sequence was approved by CT DEEP in a letter dated March 12, 2015. TRC is the firm conducting the cleanup work for Exide.

What Has Happened since December

Since December you may have noticed the following activities:

- Winter shut-down occurred from mid-December to early-March, consisting of the following:
 - The dredge and support equipment were secured for the winter. This involved rolling up the turbidity curtains and securing them along the east bank of Area II by Exide’s property. The dredge and support vessels were removed from the river and stored on Exide’s property.
 - The water treatment plant was “winterized”, this involved a combination of flushing lines, draining pipes and equipment, and securing equipment.
 - We demobilized staff. However, security were present at the site during the winter shut-down.
- We periodically performed inspections of Exide’s property during the winter shut-down.
- A Public Information Meeting was conducted on February 26, 2015, to update the public on what was accomplished during 2014, what to expect in 2015, and to answer questions.
- We returned to the site on March 3, 2015, and completed remobilization activities, including restarting the water treatment plant, and positioning the turbidity curtains and sediment conveyance pipeline in the river.
- We began dredging in Area III (between the Post Road bridge and Tide Mill Dam) on March 23, 2015.

What to Expect in April

In April, we will conduct the following activities:

- Continue dredging in Area III.
- The turbidity meters (yellow buoys with solar panels), turbidity curtains (floating yellow items), and the large orange pipeline that conveys sediment to the Exide property will be moved as dredging progresses in Area III.
- Dewatering of sediment and treatment of filtrate will continue at Exide’s property.
- Monitoring and sampling will continue, as required by CT DEEP.

For More Information

If you have any questions or comments, or would like to be added to our distribution list for future project updates, please contact Exide’s environmental consultant CCA, LLC as follows: Richard R. Chandler L.E.P., C.P.G. (203) 815-3141 richardchandler@ccaengineering.com

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