Site Description

Located adjacent to GM's Powertrain Bay City Plant, the Industrial Land is comprised of approximately 10.11 acres. Approximately one-third of the property was formerly a slip connected to the Saginaw River, and the remainder was used as an equipment storage area for GM's Powertrain Bay City Plant, located on the Saginaw River. The property is zoned industrial.

Cleanup activities are performed by the RACER Trust, with the approval and oversight of the Michigan Department of Environment, Greate Lakes, and Energy (EGLE). The Settlement Agreement that established the RACER Trust set aside $3.5 million for cleanup work at this property.

Environmental History

The property has a history of PCB contamination in soil and sediments underlying the site. After a series of investigations in the late 1990s, MDEQ, now EGLE, approved a remedial action plan for the site.

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Per the approved remedial action plan, a containment system has been installed around and over almost the entire site. The containment system components include a multi-layer cap (a bedding layer, HDPE, geonet drainage layer, sand, topsoil, and vegetation); sheet pile and bentonite slurry walls; and a groundwater extraction, treatment and discharge system. The ground water extraction, treatment, and discharge system is operated and maintained and the containment system is monitored regularly to ensure the area remains in compliance with EGLE requirements to prevent groundwater from migrating off-site.

Deed restrictions are also a part of the approved remedial action and are currently in place. The restrictions prohibit disturbance or damage to the containment system, limit future use to nonresidential, prohibit the use of groundwater for any purpose, restrict excavation, and require proper soil management.

Next Steps

Operation, maintenance and monitoring of the groundwater extraction, treatment and discharge system, monitoring of on-site wells, and inspection and maintenance of the cap will continue. In addition, activities are being completed to improve management of storm water at the site.

The current deed restrictions are expected to be updated to better reflect site conditions after completion of the storm water management improvements.

More detailed information on the site can be viewed at the RACER website at www.racertrust.org.

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