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COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM PLAN
BLACK & DECKER HAMPSTEAD FACILITY

A. Community Meetings

For the purpose of disseminating information to the public regarding the progress of ongoing remedial actions at the Hampstead Black & Decker facility, the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) will organize and lead periodic community meetings. Black & Decker will participate in and provide information for the meetings.

During the community meetings, Black & Decker will provide technical information as gathered during operation and monitoring of the groundwater extraction and treatment system, including soil and groundwater quality information. Black & Decker will also be available, along with the MDE, to answer questions raised by interested citizens at the community meetings.

The public meetings will be convened at locations readily accessible to the public. It is anticipated that the meetings will be held in the Hampstead town hall or a similar public location. It is also anticipated that scheduling of the meetings will be the responsibility of the MDE based on progress of and new information regarding the remediation at the site, or based on community interest.

B. Document Repository

Black & Decker will establish a repository of key documents to facilitate community access to information related to the remediation project. Although the location of the repository has not been finalized, preferred locations include the Hampstead library or the town hall. A location will be selected in accordance with the preference of representatives of the town and the MDE.

The repository will include key documents related to the remediation project, including the Consent Order between Black & Decker and the MDE, those reports and planning documents to be prepared as specified in the Consent Order, existing reports and plans incorporated by reference in the Consent Order, and reports provided to the State in accordance with environmental permit conditions.



C. Periodic Progress Reporting

Black & Decker will assist the MDE in preparing periodic progress reports for distribution to the community. The objective of the periodic progress reports will be to summarize ongoing remedial activities in reports having a level of technical detail which is clear, brief and easily comprehensible, rather than in technical memoranda intended for evaluation by engineers and scientists.

Distribution and timing of the periodic progress reports will be the responsibility of the MDE. It is anticipated that the progress reports will generally coincide with task completion or other significant developments specific to the remediation project.

This Community Outreach Program Plan shall be incorporated as Appendix H to the Consent Order dated April 13, 1995.