

The State of New Hampshire

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



Robert R. Scott, Commissioner

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April 8, 2019

Brian J. Thibeault Kingsbury Acquisition LLC 300 Gay Street Manchester, NH 03103

Subject: Keene – Former Kingsbury Manufacturing Company, 80 Laurel Street

DES Site #199102028, Project #8071

3rd Request for a Site Investigation

Dear Mr. Thibeault:

Consistent with previous letters to you dated October 14, 2013 and April 3, 2014, the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) is again requesting the performance of a Site Investigation (SI) for the above referenced site. This request is based on a "Phase II Environmental Site Assessment (Site Assessment)", dated September 28, 2012 and prepared on behalf of TD Bank, N.A., where exceedances of Ambient Groundwater Quality Standards (AGQS) were reported at the site. It is NHDES' understanding that Kingsbury Acquisition LLC took title to the property located at 80 Laurel Street, Keene, NH on May 17, 2013. As the current owner of the property, Kingsbury Acquisition LLC is responsible for conducting the required SI.

The required SI shall be conducted in accordance with Env-Or 606.01. Specific requirements include: 1) Determining the source, nature, location and full extent of contamination; 2) Identifying receptors and potential receptors; and 3) Identifying the need to conduct further investigation or remedial actions.

Based on the information available to date for the site, the scope of work for this SI should, at a minimum, include:

- The installation of additional monitoring wells to determine the horizontal and vertical extent of the groundwater water contamination. To date, neither the vertical nor horizontal extent of the contamination has been defined.
- The installation of soil borings and/or soil vapor points to determine the potential source(s) of contamination at the site.
- Collection of an additional round of groundwater samples from the existing on-site groundwater monitoring well network in accordance with Env-Or 606.05. These samples should also include analysis for 1,4-dioxane utilizing a method that has a detection limit less than the AGQS for this compound (i.e., <0.32 µg/l).

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Given the historic industrial use of the site and the potential for the use of chemicals that
contained per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (collectively known as "PFAS"),
groundwater samples from a select group of wells should also be submitted for
laboratory analysis for PFAS.

NHDES had anticipated that the requested SI work would be addressed pursuant to an EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant awarded to Southwest Region Planning Commission. Since there is currently no indication that this work will be moving forward in a timely fashion, Kingsbury Acquisition LLC shall submit an SI Report prepared in accordance with Env-Or 606.03 to NHDES within 120 days of the date of this letter.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at NHDES' Waste Management Division.

Sincerely,

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