

- c. Conducting investigations relating to contamination at or near the Site;
- d. Obtaining samples;
- e. Assessing the need for, planning, or implementing additional response actions at or near the Site;
- f. Inspecting and copying records, operating logs, contracts, or other documents maintained or generated by Settling Defendants or their agents, consistent with Section XXIV; and
- g. Assessing Settling Defendants' compliance with this Consent Decree.

27. To the extent that the Site or any other property to which access is required for the implementation of this Consent Decree is owned or controlled by persons other than Settling Defendants, Settling Defendants shall use best efforts to secure from such persons access for Settling Defendants, as well as for the United States [and the State] and its [their] representatives, including, but not limited to, their contractors, as necessary to effectuate this Consent Decree. For purposes of this Paragraph "best efforts" includes the payment of reasonable sums of money in consideration of access. [NOTE: It may be appropriate to delete the preceding sentence where the property to which access is needed is owned by a non-settling party who is a PRP. (See guidance entitled "Model RD/RA Consent Decree: Acceptable Modifications to Model Language (Directive No. 2)," March 25, 1992)] If any access required to complete the Work is not obtained within 45 days of the date of lodging of this Consent Decree, or within 45 days of the date EPA notifies the Settling Defendants in writing that additional access beyond that previously secured is necessary, Settling Defendants shall promptly notify the United States in writing, and shall include in that notification a summary of the steps Settling Defendants have taken to attempt to obtain access. The United States [or the State] may, as it deems appropriate, assist Settling Defendants in obtaining access. Settling Defendants shall reimburse the United States [or the State], in accordance with the procedures in Section XVI (Reimbursement of Response Costs), for all costs incurred by the United States in obtaining access.

28. Notwithstanding any provision of this Consent Decree, the United States [and the State] retain[s] all of its access authorities and rights, including enforcement authorities related thereto, under CERCLA, RCRA and any other applicable statute or regulations.

[Add institutional controls provisions as appropriate]

X. Reporting Requirements

29. In addition to any other requirement of this Consent Decree, Settling Defendants shall submit to EPA and the State ____ copies of written [monthly] progress reports that: (a) Describe the actions which have been taken toward achieving compliance with this Consent Decree during the previous [month]; (b) include a summary of all results of sampling and tests and all other data received or generated by Settling Defendants or their contractors or agents in the previous [month]; (c) identify all work plans, plans and other deliverables required by this Consent Decree completed and submitted during the previous [month]; (d) describe all actions, including, but not limited to, data collection and implementation of work plans, which are scheduled for the next [six weeks] and provide other information relating to the progress of construction, including, but not limited to, critical path diagrams, Gantt charts and Pert charts; (e) include information regarding percentage of completion, unresolved delays encountered or anticipated that may affect the future schedule for implementation of the Work, and a description of efforts made to mitigate those delays or anticipated delays; (f) include any modifications to the work plans or other schedules that Settling Defendants have proposed to EPA; and (g) describe all activities undertaken in support of the Community Relations Plan during the previous [month] and those to be undertaken in the next [six weeks]. Settling Defendants shall submit these progress reports to EPA and the State by the [tenth day of every month] following the lodging of this Consent Decree until [EPA notifies the Settling Defendants pursuant to Paragraph 49.b of Section XIV (Certification of Completion).] If requested by EPA [or the State], Settling Defendants shall also provide briefings for EPA [and the State] to discuss the progress of the Work.

30. The Settling Defendants shall notify EPA of any change in the schedule described in the monthly progress report for the performance of any activity, including, but not limited to, data collection and implementation of work plans, no later than seven days prior to the performance of the activity.

31. Upon the occurrence of any event during performance of the Work that Settling Defendants are required to report pursuant to Section 103 of CERCLA or Section 304 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-know Act (EPCRA), Settling

Defendants shall within 24 hours of the onset of such event orally notify the EPA Project Coordinator or the Alternate EPA Project Coordinator (in the event of the unavailability of the EPA Project Coordinator), or, in the event that neither the EPA Project Coordinator or Alternate EPA Project Coordinator is available, the Emergency Response Section, Region ____, United States Environmental Protection Agency. These reporting requirements are in addition to the reporting required by CERCLA Section 103 or EPCRA Section 304.

32. Within 20 days of the onset of such an event, Settling Defendants shall furnish to Plaintiff[s] a written report, signed by the Settling Defendants' Project Coordinator, setting forth the events which occurred and the measures taken, and to be taken, in response thereto. Within 30 days of the conclusion of such an event, Settling Defendants shall submit a report setting forth all actions taken in response thereto.

33. Settling Defendants shall submit ____ copies of all plans, reports, and data required by the SOW, the Remedial Design Work Plan, the Remedial Action Work Plan, or any other approved plans to EPA in accordance with the schedules set forth in such plans. Settling Defendants shall simultaneously submit ____ copies of all such plans, reports and data to the State.

34. All reports and other documents submitted by Settling Defendants to EPA (other than the [monthly] progress reports referred to above) which purport to document Settling Defendants' compliance with the terms of this Consent Decree shall be signed by an authorized representative of the Settling Defendants.

XI. EPA Approval of Plans and Other Submissions

35. After review of any plan, report or other item which is required to be submitted for approval pursuant to this Consent Decree, EPA, after reasonable opportunity for review and comment by the State, shall: (a) Approve, in whole or in part, the submission; (b) approve the submission upon specified conditions; (c) modify the submission to cure the deficiencies; (d) disapprove, in whole or in part, the submission, directing that the Settling Defendants modify the submission; or (e) any combination of the above. However, EPA shall not modify a submission without first providing Settling Defendants at least one notice of deficiency and an opportunity to cure within ____ days, except where to do so would cause serious disruption to the