

BROWN GROUP RETAIL, INC.
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Dear Neighbor:

We are writing to provide an update concerning future on-site, and particularly off-site, environmental clean-up activities relating to the former Redfield Rifle Scopes Site (Redfield Site). As you may be aware, the Colorado Department of Public Health and the Environment (CDPHE) has required Brown Group Retail, Inc. (Brown Retail) to conduct a number of activities to address chlorinated solvents in groundwater located beneath and north of the Redfield Site. Most recently, Brown Retail's environmental consultant, EnviroGroup, has been working to install and begin operation of a bioremediation system near South Jasmine Street and East Mexico Avenue.

The bioremediation system, described in detail in the Preliminary Bioremediation System Design Report, issued June 24, 2003, was approved by CDPHE following public comment in October 2004. The bioremediation system will work in conjunction with the existing groundwater pump-and-treat system that has been operating at the Redfield Site since June 2000. The bioremediation system is designed to enhance existing conditions in the affected groundwater. The existing conditions include naturally occurring microorganisms that break down the chlorinated solvents and transform them into innocuous substances. In order to enhance and accelerate that natural process, Brown Retail will inject nutrients (*i.e.*, vitamins, oxygen) into the groundwater that the microorganisms need to survive and thrive.

In order to get the nutrients into the affected groundwater, additional wells need to be installed off-site. There is a narrow underground channel in the vicinity of South Jasmine and East Mexico Streets that causes a narrowing of the groundwater plume at that point. This narrow channel provides an ideal location for injecting the nutrients into the groundwater in a way that ensures they will mix well in the plume.

The next step in installing the bioremediation system will be to install monitoring wells along the west side of South Jasmine south of East Mexico where the underground channel lies. These wells will be installed in the second half of February 2004. Residents can expect to see drilling rigs and associated equipment in that vicinity for a period of approximately one to two weeks. Driveway access and on-street parking for certain residents on South Jasmine may be limited during well installation. A representative from EnviroGroup will personally contact those residents to discuss with them details on when their driveway access and/or on-street parking may be affected. Work will be limited to daylight hours on weekdays.

In late March and April 2004, a shed to house the operating equipment for the bioremediation system will be constructed and equipped. The shed will be located on the Redfield Site itself, in the lot east of the CAPCO building. The shed will be placed toward the southern fence line, east of the existing pump-and-treat equipment shed. Also in April 2004, additional wells will be installed along the east side of South Jasmine Street south of East Mexico. These wells will be used for injection of the nutrients. The well construction will again require the use of drilling rigs and associated equipment and will require two to three weeks' time for completion. As with installation of the monitoring wells, construction activities will be limited to daylight hours during the five-day work week, and driveway access and on-street parking for certain residents may be affected. A representative from EnviroGroup will personally contact those residents to discuss with them details on when their driveway access and/or on-street parking may be affected.

In May and June 2004, underground pipelines connecting the equipment in the bioremediation shed to the injection wells will be constructed. Again, the construction activities will occur in the street along South Jasmine. To the extent possible, Brown Retail's contractors plan to conduct horizontal drilling, to minimize trenching activities in the street, and personally contact any residents whose driveway access and/or on-street parking is affected during construction activities. This phase of the project will entail the use of drilling and trenching equipment. Construction activities will occur only during daylight hours during the five-day work week. This phase is conditioned upon the receipt of permits from the City and County of Denver and from the United States Environmental Protection Agency, and so the timing of the

work depends upon receipt of those permits. Should the schedule change significantly, we will provide additional notice with the updated information.

At the conclusion of each phase of the construction work, the pavement will be patched, and when all phases are complete, the street (and any sidewalk impacts) will be repaired in accordance with standards set by the City and County of Denver.

As always, we appreciate your patience and cooperation. Should you have any questions or require any further information, please contact either Lisa Sigler, Brown Retail's community relations contact, at 303-778-8355, or Marion Galant, CDPHE Community Involvement Manager, at 303-692-3304. You can also find additional information on the Redfield Site website at www.redfieldsite.org or at one of the information repositories. There is a repository at the Virginia Village Library and at the offices of CDPHE.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dennis Snyder". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dennis Snyder
Project Manager

cc: Marion Galant, C.D.P.H.E.
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