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Subject: Update to February 4, 2011 Groundwater Flow Control Notification,

Updated Response to Violation Notice L-2011-01126 & Request to Reduce Groundwater Gauging Frequency

WRB Refining LP, Wood River Refinery

Roxana, Illinois

119115002 - MadisonCounty

Equilon Enterprises LLC d/b/a Shell Oil Products US

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Dear Ms. Boley, Mr. Cahnovsky and Mr. Nightingale:

On behalf of Shell Oil Products US (SOPUS), URS Corporation (URS) is submitting this update to SOPUS' February 4, 2011 Groundwater Flow Control Notification letter to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) and SOPUS' June 10, 2011 Response to Violation Notice L-2011-01126. Additionally, for the reasons explained below, SOPUS requests to reduce the frequency of groundwater gauging at the WRB Refining LP Wood River Refinery.

In January 2011, SOPUS began conducting weekly gauging of a subset of the refinery groundwater monitoring wells and selected wells in Roxana in response to learning of temporary reductions in groundwater pumping by the operator of the refinery, WRB Refining LP, an affiliate of Phillips 66 (P66). As reported in a letter to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) dated February 4, 2011, SOPUS originally believed that "there may have been an instance where control



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along the west fenceline of the North Property," as required by SOPUS' RCRA permit, may not have been maintained.

Since that time, WRB has conducted maintenance work on several wells and piping and installed new groundwater depression wells. This has resulted in increased pumping rates on a more reliable basis. Additionally, a permit modification was submitted July 29, 2011 to maintain groundwater withdrawal rates at a minimum of 3,000 gallons per minute (gpm) from Main and North Properties. The groundwater contour maps that have been submitted for the Wood River Refinery Corrective Action Program and Roxana Interim Groundwater Monitoring Program (on a semiannual and quarterly basis, respectively) demonstrate capture.

During 2012, SOPUS developed a groundwater flow model to better understand conditions for groundwater capture. The modeling report was submitted to IEPA on July 27, 2012. One conclusion of the model was that the minimum pumping rates to maintain groundwater capture under differing water level conditions are on the order of 2,500-2,700 gpm (specifically 2,523 to 2,668 gpm as predicted by the model). Based on this and our understanding of the WRB pumping rates, groundwater capture would have been maintained during the period when it was suspect (i.e., January 2011).

Based on the modeling results, we reevaluated the actual measured groundwater data by using smaller contour intervals. Contour maps from before (October and November 2010), during (January 2011), and after (February 2011) the suspect period were produced using a contour interval of 0.25 feet. The maps are included in this submittal as **Figures 1** through **4**. These maps indicate that groundwater capture was maintained along the west fenceline of North Property.

Based on the above information, SOPUS believes it is no longer necessary to continue gauging monitoring wells on a weekly basis to assess groundwater capture. SOPUS requests the Agency's concurrence to stop weekly gauging and return to quarterly gauging as required by the RCRA permit. As a separate but related matter, SOPUS will continue to gauge monitoring wells that display separate phase product on a weekly basis.

SOPUS also requests that IEPA rescind Violation Notice L-2011-01126 to the extent Attachment A allegations 1, 2 and 3 are based on IEPA's contention that "the rate of groundwater pumping from the Water Production Wells was not high enough to ensure that groundwater flow was adequately controlled in the uppermost aquifer." SOPUS further reserves all of its rights and defenses associated with this matter.



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If you have any questions concerning this information, please contact Kevin Dyer, SOPUS Principal Program Manager, at kevin.dyer@shell.com (618/288-7237), or me at bob.billman@urs.com (314/743-4108).

Sincerely,

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Enclosures:

Figure 1 – Groundwater Contour Map, October 2010

Figure 2 – Groundwater Contour Map, November 2010

Figure 3 – Groundwater Contour Map, January 2011

Figure 4 – Groundwater Contour Map, February 2011

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