

Project Progress Report

Site Name/Activity: Former WearEver Facility / Implementation of the March 22, 1999 DFFO

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Date: October 10, 2026

Period: Third Quarter 2026

1. STATUS OF WORK AND PROGRESS DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD:

Groundwater Monitoring

The third quarter 2026 groundwater monitoring event was completed on August 19 and 20, 2026. During the third quarter 2026 monitoring event, 14 groundwater samples were collected for volatile organic compound analysis. The results of the laboratory analysis will be included in the 2026 Third Quarter Groundwater Monitoring Report.

Pixelle closed the paper mill facility in August 2025 but then subsequently sold it to U.S. Paper Mill (USPM), whose long-term plans for use of the paper mill production wells are not yet well understood. Howmet initiated enhanced quarterly monitoring during the third quarter of 2025. The enhanced monitoring will continue until groundwater conditions are better understood. Howmet is diligently working with Ohio EPA and nearby property owners to install additional monitoring wells. Howmet provided access agreements to the property owners in October 2025 but has not yet received the signed agreements from those owners.

Sludge Consolidation Area (SCA)

Key Environmental Inc. (KEY) conducted the third quarter 2026 SCA inspection on August 19, 2026, concurrent with the Five-Year Review Site Inspection. A mowing event was completed on August 18, 2026. A copy of the SCA inspection form is included as Attachment A to this report.

Vapor Intrusion

Howmet continued to implement the revised Vapor Intrusion Report and O&M Plan for the Former WearEver Facility that was submitted to Ohio EPA in March 2021. The variable frequency drive for SSDS#1 in the open, unoccupied warehouse area in the southwest portion of the building was replaced by an electrical contractor after it failed.

Five-Year Review Site Visit

KEY and Ohio EPA personnel participated in the Five-Year Review Site Inspection that was completed concurrently with the third quarter sampling event on August 19, 2026. The SCA, site building, and select monitoring and pumping wells were inspected during the site visit. Howmet is continuing to prepare the Five-Year Review Report in accordance with the approved Work Plan.

2. DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD:

N/A

3. ACTIONS TAKEN TO RECTIFY PROBLEMS:

N/A

4. ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR NEXT QUARTER:

- The fourth quarter 2026 groundwater monitoring event will be completed.
- The 2026 Third Quarter Groundwater Monitoring Report will be prepared.
- Inspection of the SCA cap will be conducted.
- O&M activities will continue to be performed on the SSDS as described in the O&M Plan.
- Howmet will continue pursuit of access agreements with nearby property owners and plans to install additional groundwater monitoring wells once access agreements are executed.
- Ohio EPA comments regarding submitted reports will be reviewed and addressed, as necessary.
- Continued preparation of the Five-Year Review.

5. TARGET AND ACTUAL COMPLETION DATES

N/A

6. EXPLANATION OF DEVIATIONS FROM MILESTONES:

N/A.

7. WASTE ACCUMULATION AND STORAGE:

No waste is currently present onsite.

ATTACHMENT A

CONTAINMENT AREA INSPECTION LOG

Date 8/19/20

A visual inspection shall be made of the Containment Area and associated facilities to confirm proper operations are occurring. The following items shall be inspected on a periodic basis:

1. Erosion Control:

- A. Cover System - The Containment Area is intact and no visible signs of erosion exist (i.e. erosion gullies, stability tension cracks, etc.).

☒ Yes ☐ No

If "No," describe problem area, location, and proposed resolution.

- B. Height of vegetative cover on the Containment Area and embankment is greater than 18 inches or approaches 18 inches such that the next inspection would show vegetation height above 18 inches.

☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes," provide location of area and arrange for mowing.

- C. Barren area, sparse vegetative cover, or vegetative growth other than what was originally planted exists either on Containment Area surface or slopes.

☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes," provide location, approximate size of area, and proposed resolution.

2. Drainage Structures:

A. Ponding of water is occurring.

☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes," describe problem area, location, and proposed resolution.

B. The Ditches appear to be operating properly and are clear of debris or sedimentation.

☒ Yes ☐ No

If "No," describe problem area, location, and proposed resolution.

3. Burrowing Animals:

A. Visible indications of burrowing animals exist.

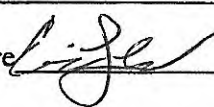
☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes," provide location of burrow(s) and proposed resolution.

4. Condition of Containment Area:

A. Wet, dusty, etc. _____

B. Roadway conditions Good

Signature 

cc: Alcoa Manager
Plant File