

July 22, 2024

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REMEDICATION MANAGER  
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**Re: Ralston Site (228 Blairs Ferry Rd, Cedar Rapids, IA 52302)  
Contaminated Sites Database ID No. 396  
Annual Report Review**

Dear Ms. Musgrove,

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources (Iowa DNR) has completed review of the annual report received on April 10, 2024. Activities conducted throughout the year include: groundwater monitoring, private well monitoring (and usage review if necessary), engineering control inspection and maintenance, and site access control. This site is currently listed in Chapter 53 of the Iowa Administrative Code ([567 IAC 53](#)) as a protected water source. Additionally, an environmental covenant (EC) is being drafted for this site. Recording of an acceptable covenant could result in delisting from the Iowa DNR Hazardous Waste Sites Registry (as noted in a [8/21/17 letter](#) from the Iowa DNR). Please note, the proposed EC but would not close the site or impact the maintenance/monitoring requirements.

Annual groundwater monitoring was initiated on August 7, 2023. During this sampling event, 21 monitoring wells were sampled; most using a bladder pump for collection. The samples were analyzed for Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) using EPA Method 8260. Additionally, samples from wells MW1A, MW-2A, and MW-3A were analyzed for Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) using draft EPA Method 1633. Concentrations in groundwater continue to fluctuate with a general downward trend of the primary chemicals of concern. The report outlines three private wells that were sampled in 2023 and analyzed for VOCs. None report detectable VOC concentrations.

PFAS samples were compared to EPA's Regional Screening Levels and none were found to be exceeding applicable levels. However, since the time of the sampling, Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs) have been promulgated for some PFAS compounds. Monitoring well MW-1A exceeds the MCLs for PFOS and PFAS. Please include PFAS monitoring of MW-1A and MW-1B in your annual monitoring plan. Please continue to use EPA Method 1633 for analysis.

The DNR generally agrees with the recommendations listed in the report with addition of PFAS sampling at MW-1A and MW-1B. As noted in the submittal, the site continues to work towards finalizing an EC. Once the restrictions are part of a recorded EC, the site can be considered for delisting from the Iowa DNR Hazardous Waste Sites Registry. The next annual groundwater monitoring report is due **April 15, 2025**. If you have questions or if I may be of further assistance please contact me at [shelly.nellesen@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:shelly.nellesen@dnr.iowa.gov) or [\(515\)669-5494](tel:5156695494).

Sincerely,

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