

It is noted that AECOM is currently preparing a Human Health and Environmental Risk Assessment (HHERA) for the VMP and PDA Remediation Works Area, which will be applicable to the ORWS Area. The HHERA will need to be considered in the context of the archaeological works being proposed at this location prior to the development of specific safe work procedures for this area.

Within the Other Remediation Works (South) Area (ORWS Area), AECOM considers that a more comprehensive program of archaeological excavation, mapping and recording would be possible, subject to the development and implementation of appropriate health and safety practices and systems which would be informed by the abovementioned HHERA. Such systems may include the utilisation of appropriate personnel protective equipment by archaeological practitioners and the environmental monitoring during the archaeological test pitting and excavation phases by appropriately qualified environmental practitioners to ensure exposure to in situ contaminants is within acceptable levels.

3.0 Recommendation

3.1 VMP and PDA Remediation Works Area

Given that the Stage 1 archaeological works within the VMP and PDA Work Areas are to be undertaken in parallel with the proposed ex situ remedial works, it is recommended that:

1. The nature of any future proposed archaeological works associated with the Archaeological Assessment and subsequent Research Design be restricted to photographic recording and associated mapping to limit exposure to contamination;
2. Given Recommendation 1, it is considered that it will not be practicable to remove artefacts or soil samples from the VMP and PDA Work Areas;
3. Development and implementation of appropriate health and safety practices and systems be undertaken; and
4. Archaeological practitioners be trained in these practices prior to entering the remediation work areas under the supervision of the specialist remedial contractor.

3.2 Other Remediation Works (South) Area

Within the Other Remediation Works (South) Area (ORWS Area), a more comprehensive program of archaeological excavation, mapping and recording would be possible, subject to the actual conditions encountered and the development and implementation of appropriate health and safety practices and systems which would be informed by the abovementioned HHERA.

We trust this provides the necessary information you require. Should you have any further queries, please contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely,

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