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**Subject: Third Quarter 2022 Progress Report Nammo Defense Systems Inc.  
Facility, Mesa, Arizona**

Pursuant with Paragraph 34 of the Administrative Order of Consent between Nammo Defense Systems Inc. (NDS) and the United States Environmental Protection Agency Region 9 (EPA) effective 9 February 2021, states that NDS shall provide EPA with quarterly progress reports. This report submittal includes a summary of the activities completed during the third quarter (3Q) 2022.

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## SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES DURING REPORTING PERIOD

### Deliverables

#### *Consent Order Project:*

- Revised Sampling and Analysis Plan for Groundwater Screening for Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) – Submitted 9/21/2022
- Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Facility Assessment for Plant 2, Thermal Treatment Unit (TTU), and Desert Firing Range, Nammo Defense Systems Inc Facility – Submitted 9/23/2022
- Former TTU Groundwater Sampling and Analysis Plan – Revised with comments and submitted 9/28/2022
- 2Q 2022 Former TTU Groundwater Monitoring Report – Submitted 10/10/2022

#### *Plant 3 and Former Water Bore Out (WBO) Project:*

- No document milestones were reported.

### Meetings

- Biweekly meetings were conducted with EPA, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ), NDS, and its consultants related to the Consent Order Project.
- Monthly meetings were conducted with ADEQ, NDS, and its consultants related to the Voluntary Remediation Program Project.

### **Field Activities**

- 3Q 2022 groundwater sampling was conducted at the Former TTU well network from 9/3/2022 through 9/9/2022, and on 10/10 (TTU-2) and 10/11 (TTU-1). Wells TTU-1 and TTU-2 were inaccessible during September due to scheduling and operations with NDS.
- 3Q 2022 groundwater sampling was conducted at the former WBO well network from 8/31/2022 through 9/9/2022. Well WBO-1 was dry and not sampled.

### **Stakeholder Interaction and Meetings**

- A meeting to update the Contingency Plan for reporting alert-level exceedances of the constituents of concern (COCs) was attended by NDS, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (SRPMIC), and Geosyntec on 8/30/2022.
- An agreement between NDS and Lafarge Holcim was executed on 9/21/22 for drilling and sampling at the Drake Materials facility.
- A meeting with the City of Mesa (COM) to discuss future well installations on COM property on 8/2/2022.

### **Notable Analytical Results**

#### ***Consent Order Project:***

- 3Q Groundwater Monitoring -
  - No notable analytical results were reported during the monitoring period.

#### ***Plant 3 and Former WBO Project:***

- 3Q Groundwater Monitoring –
  - No notable analytical results were reported during the monitoring period.

### **Action Items for Next Reporting Period**

#### ***Consent Order Project:***

- Submittal of 3Q 2022 Former TTU Groundwater Monitoring Report 60 days from receipt of laboratory reports.
- Completion of 4Q 2022 Former TTU sampling approximately 11/14/2022 through 12/2/2022.

- PFAS sampling at the Former TTU will be conducted as part of the 4Q groundwater monitoring event.
- Submittal of 1Q 2022 and 2Q 2022 data to the ADEQ Water Quality Database by 11/15/2022.
- Submittal of RCRA Facility Assessments for OU3 through OU5.
- Submittal of RCRA Facility Investigation (RFI) Work Plans for Operable Unit (OU) 2 through OU5.
- Coordination for request of information of OU1 closure documents with ZF TRW.
- Draft an updated Contingency Plan for SRPMIC review.

***Plant 3 and Former WBO Project:***

- Submittal of 2Q 2022 WBO Groundwater Monitoring Report by 11/1/2022.
- Submittal of 3Q 2022 WBO Groundwater Monitoring Report 60 days from receipt of laboratory reports.
- Completion of 4Q 2022 WBO sampling approximately 11/14/2022 through 12/2/2022.
- Coordinate a drilling schedule at Drake Materials Facility with Lafarge Holcim.
- Submittal to ADEQ of Remedial Investigation Work Plan Addendum outlining the proposed installations of NT-19, NT-20, NT-21, and NT-22.
- Permitting and drilling coordination for NT-19, NT-20, NT-21, and NT-22.

**Remediation Systems Updates**

***Consent Order Project – Interim Response Hydraulic Containment System:***

- The groundwater extraction and treatment system was operational during 2Q, however due to unanticipated staffing changes for NDS records could not be readily located. Record-keeping has resumed and the available 2Q/3Q records will be provided in 4Q.
- In May, a concentrate leak from the bottom corner of the SWE-II evaporator water storage tank was observed. The leak was contained within the concrete secondary containment and temporary repairs conducted to return the system to operation while path-forward measures are considered.

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***Plant 3 and Former WBO Project – Hydraulic Containment [Fluidized-Bed Reactor (FBR)] System***

Except for the short periods described below, the FBR system operated continuously at a process rate of approximately 400 gallons per minute. This is the nominal value associated with infiltration capacity and modeled capture of the source area. System interruptions occurred as follows:

- 7/18/2022 - During a thunderstorm a power breaker tripped, leading to an automatic shutdown. The breaker was reset by the onsite operator after the storm and operation resumed 11 hours offline.
- 8/23/2022 - A power outage occurred at the NDS facility, including at the FBR system. Power was restored and operation resumed after nine hours offline.

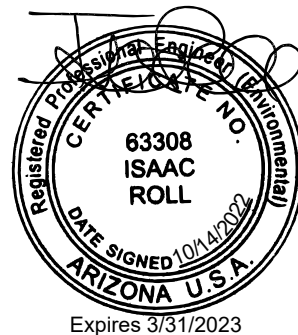
A fourth quarter progress report further describing performance and O&M responsibilities will be submitted to ADEQ in December 2022. If you have any questions about this report, please contact either Angel Soto with NDS or Isaac Roll with Geosyntec.

Sincerely,

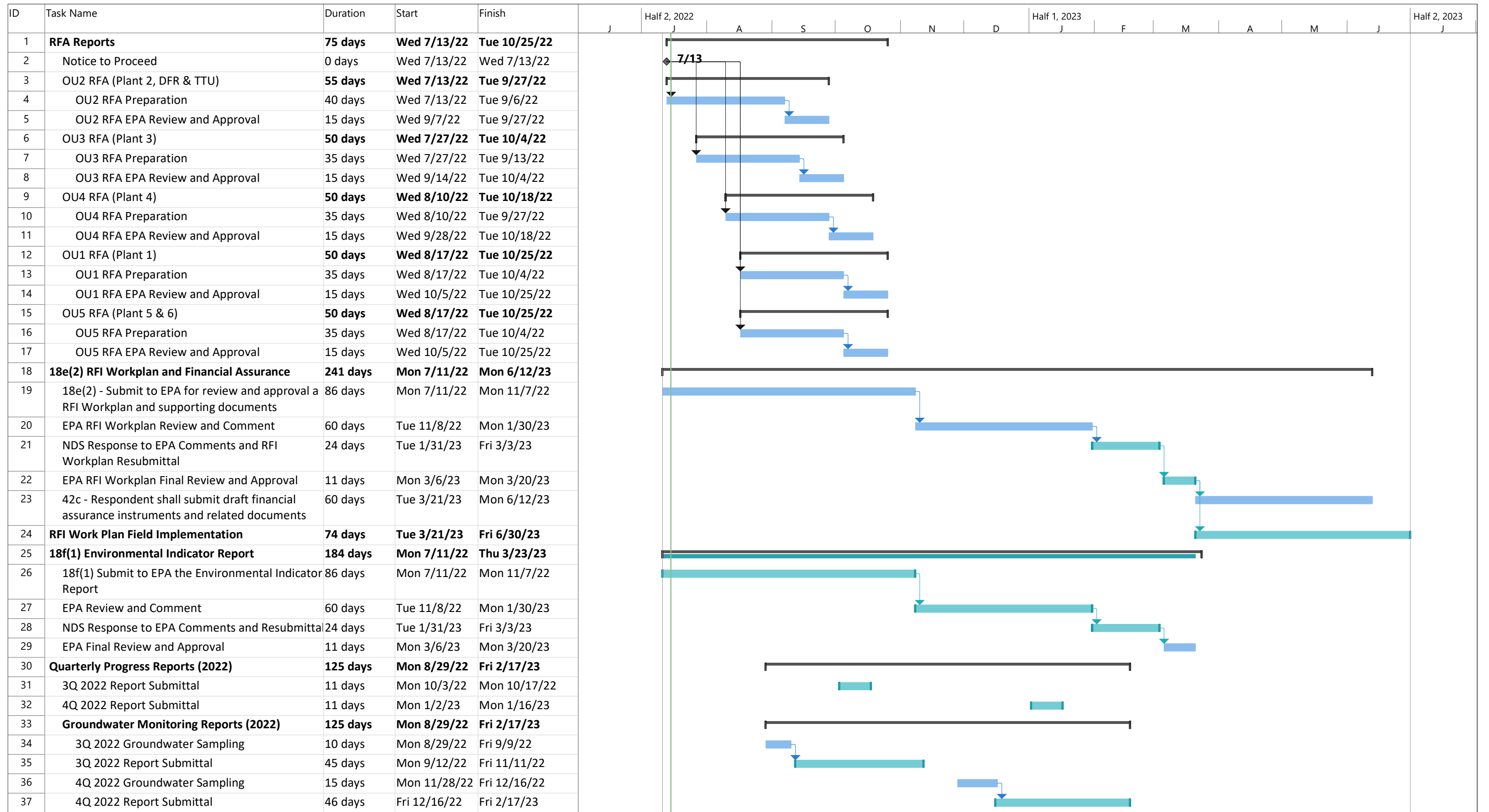


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# PROJECT SCHEDULE



Project: NDS Consent Order Sch Date: Fri 7/15/22	Task		Project Summary		Manual Task		Start-only		Deadline	
	Split		Inactive Task		Duration-only		Finish-only		Progress	
	Milestone		Inactive Milestone		Manual Summary Rollup		External Tasks		Manual Progress	
	Summary		Inactive Summary		Manual Summary		External Milestone			