

Large presses for Fox dredging effort being installed

They'll be used in largest cleanup project in U.S. history

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Another major step is moving ahead in the construction of a dredging and processing facility that is the largest construction project in the history of Brown County.

Tetra Tech EC Inc., Seymour, consulting engineer for the \$600 million plant and support

system, has begun the installation of huge presses that will be used to squeeze the water from the dredged sediment from the Fox River.

The plant is located at 1611 State St., just north of the Georgia-Pacific Co. paper mill.

The eight presses, each weighing 16 metric tons and reaching 58 feet in height, were manufactured at a plant in Cologne, Germany, and shipped to Menominee, Mich, and by truck to Green Bay and the construction site.

Ray Mangrum, Tetra Tech vice president of remediation and project manager, said the

presses "are the largest membrane filter presses ever constructed."

Tetra Tech currently has 145 construction workers on the job and recently passed 110,000 hours without a lost time accident. Miron Construction is the general contractor.

Concrete work for the 242,000 square foot processing plant is nearly complete and will add up to a pour of 23,000 cubic yards of concrete. The material was supplied by Carew Concrete and Supply Inc., Green Bay.

Construction is on schedule with a May 2009

startup planned.

The work will include dredging 13.3 miles of the Fox River from its mouth to Little Rapids. Dredging is expected to continue for 10 years. It is the largest environmental dredging project in the history of the United States.

The program is to remove PCBs from the river's bed. Dredged material will be pumped to the Tetra Tech site where the PCBs will be removed, the sand and water cleaned and returned to the river and the remaining material trucked to a landfill near Chilton.