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Sand from Fox River Cleanup recycled for use in US 41 Project

Millions of pounds of clean fill to be used in massive road construction project

(Green Bay) The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) Northeast Region office is announcing a partnership with the Lower Fox River Remediation LLC, to accept delivery of over 70,000 cubic yards of sand recovered during the Fox River Cleanup Project in Brown County. The sand will be used during future construction within the footprint of the redesigned US 41/WIS 29 interchange. The material is a clean, safe byproduct of processing activities used to remove polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) from water and organic sediment dredged from 13.3 miles of the lower Fox River near Green Bay.

WisDOT intends to use the sand as fill in the construction of several embankments for the future systems interchange planned for US 41/WIS 29. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) has approved the application through the issuance of a low hazard exemption for the beneficial reuse of the separated sand.

"This material will be hauled, placed and compacted on-site, at no cost to WisDOT by a general contractor on behalf of the Lower Fox River Remediation, LLC," said Northeast Region Operations Manager Will Dorsey. "We are talking about roughly \$500,000 worth of fill that taxpayers won't be paying for as part of the US Highway 41 expansion project. That is a substantial savings."

The LLC is expected to start hauling the sand to build the roadway embankment for the new WIS 29 eastbound to US 41 southbound system ramp at the US 41/WIS 29 interchange, beginning Monday, Feb. 14, 2011.

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