



January 12, 2026

Christopher Biro
Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
Northeast District Office
2110 East Aurora Road
Twinsburg, Ohio 44087

**Re: Monthly Progress Report – December 2025
Material Sciences Corporation
460 W Main Street
Canfield, Ohio 44406
OHD000810283
August Mack Project Number: JZ0412.372**

Dear Mr. Biro,

On behalf of Material Sciences Corporation, August Mack Environmental, Inc. (August Mack) is submitting the attached Monthly Progress Report. This submittal was prepared in accordance with the Director's Final Findings and Orders, which were effective on December 31, 2024. This submittal includes information regarding Site activities conducted in December 2025.

Should you have any questions or need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us,

Sincerely,

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Regional Director, Ohio Offices

Bryant Hoffer, CHMM, LPG
Senior Manager, Geologist

**December 2025
MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT
Material Sciences Corporation
460 W Main Street
Canfield, Ohio 44406**

Submitted To: Christopher Biro, Environmental Specialist – Ohio EPA
Prepared By: August Mack Environmental, Inc.
On Behalf of: Material Sciences Corporation
Reporting Period: December 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025.

1. Describe the status of the Work and actions taken toward achieving compliance with the Orders during the reporting period.
 - a. RFI sampling was conducted at residential properties along Sawmill Creek between December 2 and December 5, 2025.
 - b. Approximately 12,540 gallons of impacted water were treated and discharged to the Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW).
 - c. Conducted on-site walks to verify new surface expressions of dark brown liquid were not present.
 - d. Pumping down secondary containments occurred as needed throughout the reporting period.
 - e. Per the Preliminary Ditch Interim Measure (IM) Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Plan, weekly routine inspections of the Adjacent Ditch were completed. The inspection forms are included as **Attachment A**.
 - f. Per the Ditch IM Monitoring Plan, sampling was completed in Sawmill Creek during precipitation events greater than 0.10 inches. The sampling forms are included as **Attachment B**. A table of cumulative results from Ditch IM Monitoring is included as **Table 1**.
 - g. The Building Two Berm was routinely evaluated and a sample was collected during Ditch IM Monitoring. The cumulative field screening results from the Building Two Berm are included in **Table 2**.
 - h. A vapor intrusion investigation was conducted within the eastern portion of Building One at MSC and at the eastern neighboring property on December 17, 2025.
 - i. Continued installation of the automated water collection system and winterization of equipment.

- j. Continued revisions of the Ditch IM Implementation Report and the Final O&M Plan for the Ditch IM, submitted on October 10, 2025; and the Corrective Action Framework, submitted on October 28, 2025.
 - k. Signs along Sawmill Creek were visually inspected; no maintenance or corrective action measures were necessary.
2. Describe difficulties encountered during the reporting period and actions taken to rectify any difficulties.
- a. No difficulties encountered during this reporting period.
3. Describe activities planned for next month.
- a. Continued on-site treatment and laboratory confirmation sampling of wastewater to be discharged to the POTW.
 - b. Continued pick up and disposal of waste from water treatment.
 - c. Continued O&M of the Ditch IM, including regular inspections in accordance with the Orders, and Ohio EPA's July 29, 2025, comments on the Preliminary O&M Plan.
 - d. On-going water recovery efforts to collect contaminated subsurface water located underneath the finished ditch liner.
 - e. On-going daily Site walks to confirm no additional areas of concern.
 - f. Secondary containment fluid management will continue, as needed.
 - g. Continue to develop the Level III Ecological Risk Assessment with Integral.
 - h. Complete the installation of the automated water collection system and winterization of equipment.
4. Identify changes in key Personnel.
- a. No changes in personnel during this reporting period.
5. List target and actual completion dates for each element of activity, including project completion.
- a. Initial Site Investigation (ISI)
 - i. ISI conducted beginning in October 2024.
 - ii. ISI Report submitted to Ohio EPA on December 12, 2024.
 - b. Ditch Interim Measure
 - i. Plan Submitted to Ohio EPA on October 7, 2024 with revisions per Ohio EPA requests submitted and subsequently approved on November 15, 2024.
 - ii. Interim Measure implementation (including subsurface conveyance infrastructure) occurred from November 2024 through July 2025.

- iii. On June 7, 2025, August Mack submitted a request to restore flow from the ditch to Sawmill Creek. Approval from the Ohio EPA was received on June 9, 2025, contingent upon implementation of the Ditch IM Monitoring Plan.
- iv. Submitted Preliminary Ditch IM O&M Plan on June 19, 2025.
- v. Received approval from the Ohio EPA on June 23, 2025, to complete the ditch liner, remove the dam at the LOC and the upstream dam, and resume natural flow to sawmill creek.
- vi. Ditch IM construction activities were completed in August 2025.
- vii. The Ditch IM Implementation Report and the Final O&M Plan for the Ditch IM was submitted October 10, 2025.
- viii. Ohio EPA feedback was provided on November 21, 2025 for the Ditch IM Implementation Report and the O&M Plan for the Ditch IM.
- c. Vapor Intrusion
 - i. Indoor Air Sampling in facility building in December 2024.
 - ii. TCE Interim Measure Implementation in February 2025.
 - iii. The TCE Interim Measures Implementation Report submitted on March 31, 2025.
 - iv. Vapor intrusion investigation was conducted on December 17, 2025.
- d. Water Treatment
 - i. Water treatment pilot testing was completed in December 2024.
 - ii. A Permit to Install (PTI) was submitted and approved by the Ohio EPA on January 29, 2025.
 - iii. Permanent treatment system anticipated to be installed and operational in the second quarter of 2026.
- e. Wetland and Downstream Sawmill Creek Sampling
 - i. Wetland and Downstream Sawmill Creek Sampling Work Plan submitted on April 18, 2025.
 - ii. Ohio EPA approved the work plan on April 30, 2025.
 - iii. Wetland and Downstream Sawmill Creek sampling started the week of May 12, 2025.
 - iv. Wetland and Downstream Sawmill Creek Sampling Implementation Report was submitted on July 3, 2025.
- f. Corrective Action Framework (CAF)
 - i. Initial CAF Meeting held January 29, 2025.
 - ii. CAF agreement was submitted on September 11, 2025.
 - iii. CAF was submitted on October 28, 2025.
 - iv. Ohio EPA feedback was provided on November 21, 2025.


- g. RCRA Facility Investigation (RFI) Work Plan
 - i. RFI Work Plan was submitted on May 30, 2025.
 - ii. Ohio EPA feedback was provided on July 16, 2025.
 - iii. Revised RFI Work Plan was submitted on August 13, 2025.
 - iv. Additional Ohio EPA feedback was received on September 12, 2025.
 - v. The Revised RFI Work Plan will be submitted in October 2025.
 - vi. The Finalized RFI Work Plan was submitted on October 18, 2025.
 - vii. Implementation of the RFI commenced on October 20, 2025.
 - h. Integral Level III Ecological Risk Assessment (ERA)
 - i. Biological sampling event was conducted in downstream Sawmill Creek on July 16, 2025.
 - ii. Macroinvertebrate sample collection in downstream Sawmill Creek occurred on September 3, 2025.
6. Provide an explanation for any deviation from any applicable schedule.
- a. No deviations encountered during this reporting period.
7. Indicate how much contaminated soil was removed and contaminated ground water was pumped and indicate where such contaminated media were disposed.
- a. Approximately 12,540 gallons of wastewater were treated on-Site and discharged to the POTW.
 - b. Approximately 9,000 gallons of hazardous sludge were disposed of off-Site by Arcwood Environmental in December 2025.
 - c. Thirty-one (32) roll off boxes containing hazardous soil and debris waste were disposed of off-Site by Arcwood Environmental in December 2025.
 - d. Four (4) 55-gallon drums of hazardous soil cuttings were generated during the RFI and disposed of off-Site in December 2025.
 - e. Eleven (11) 55-gallon drums of hazardous purge/decontamination water were generated during the RFI and disposed of off-Site in December 2025.
 - f. Three (3) 55-gallon drums of non-hazardous purge/decontamination water were generated during the RFI and disposed of off-Site in December 2025.

TABLES

Table 1 – Surface Water Analytical Results

Table 2 – Building Two Berm Analytical Results

SURFACE WATER ANALYTICAL RESULTS

			Sample Location	Field Free Cyanide Analysis (mg/L)	Laboratory Total Cyanide Analysis (mg/L)	Laboratory Free Cyanide Analysis (mg/L)
Sample ID	Date	Time				
T2-0	6/17/2025	17:45	Outfall to Sawmill Creek Tributary	0.20	NA	NA
	8/13/2025	17:00		0.08	0.015	<0.006
	9/4/2025	NR		0.16	0.043	0.0082
	9/23/2025	NR		0.22	0.03	<0.006
	10/7/2025	13:25		0.07	0.049	0.0064
	10/30/2025	9:06		0.06	0.019	<0.006
	11/7/2025	13:15		0.08	0.021	<0.50
	11/25/2025	10:30		0.02	0.035	<0.006
	12/10/2025	14:55		<0.002	0.015	<0.006
T2-100	6/17/2025	17:50	Downstream of Culvert	0.12	NA	NA
	8/13/2025	17:05		0.12	0.068	<0.006
	9/4/2025	NR		0.09	0.12	<0.006
	9/23/2025	NR		<0.004	0.028	<0.006
	10/7/2025	13:30		0.04	0.043	<0.006
	10/30/2025	9:13		0.08	0.021	<0.006
	11/7/2025	13:20		0.10	0.072	<0.50
	11/25/2025	10:35		<0.02	0.033	<0.006
	12/10/2025	15:00		0.01	0.017	<0.006
T2-250	6/17/2025	17:55	Downstream of Culvert	0.17	NA	NA
	8/13/2025	17:10		0.25	0.070	<0.006
	9/4/2025	NR		0.02	0.15	<0.006
	9/23/2025	NR		0.18	0.029	<0.006
	10/7/2025	13:35		0.06	0.042	<0.006
	10/30/2025	9:20		0.04	0.021	<0.006
	11/7/2025	13:25		0.1	0.086	<0.50
	11/25/2025	10:40		0.05	0.048	<0.005
	12/10/2025	15:05		0.005	0.018	<0.006
Cardinal Dr.	6/17/2025	12:00	Cardinal Drive	0.01	NA	NA
	8/13/2025	17:22		0.06	0.09	<0.006
	9/4/2025	NR		0.11	0.057	<0.006
	9/23/2025	NR		0.02	0.032	<0.006
	10/7/2025	13:45		0.07	0.058	<0.006
	10/30/2025	9:37		0.04	0.027	<0.006
	11/7/2025	13:33		0.08	0.040	<0.50
	11/25/2025	10:52		0.04	0.041	<0.005
	12/10/2025	15:20		<0.002	0.017	<0.006


SURFACE WATER ANALYTICAL RESULTS

Verdant Dr.	6/17/2025	12:00	Verdant Drive	0.02	NA	NA
	8/13/2025	17:30		0.06	0.10	<0.006
	9/4/2025	NR		0.18	0.077	<0.006
	9/23/2025	NR		0.16	0.031	<0.006
	10/7/2025	13:55		0.02	0.053	<0.006
	10/30/2025	9:46		0.04	0.025	<0.006
	11/7/2025	13:47		0.08	0.018	<0.50
	11/25/2025	11:06		0.06	0.045	<0.005
	12/10/2025	15:30		0.02	0.018	<0.006
Under Liner Locations						
Final Dam Sump	6/17/2025	16:45	Sump Under Final Dam	285	NA	NA
	8/13/2025	18:15		0.22	0.10	<0.006
T-400-AP	9/4/2025	NR	Adj Ditch Access Point Under Liner	312	520	300
	9/10/2025	NR		257	NA	NA
	9/23/2025	NR		12	41	14
	10/7/2025	14:15		0.4	6.1	0.3
	10/30/2025	10:00		24.0	6.50	9.80
	11/7/2025	14:00		1.40	<0.15	<0.50
	11/25/2025	11:30		215	240	230
	12/10/2025	15:45		242	290	270

Abbreviations & Notes

Results and Screening Levels are reported in mg/L.

BUILDING TWO BERM ANALYTICAL RESULTS

	<i>Building Two Berm DR900 Analytical Results</i>
<i>Date</i>	<i>Field Free Cyanide Analysis (mg/L)</i>
10/7/2025	1.20
10/20/2025	0.40
10/30/2025	0.36
12/10/2025	4.00

Abbreviations & Notes

Results and Screening Levels are reported in mg/L.

Attachment A

Ditch IM Weekly Inspection Forms – December 2025

Weather: 36° F; snow

The liner was repaired:

Date

How was the liner repaired? N/A

3. Any impacted liquid observed within ditch? Yes____ No X

If impacted liquid is observed, document with pictures and follow instructions in O&M Plan to recover the impacted liquid and investigate the source of the impacted liquid. If the source of the impacted liquid is a rip or a puncture, document the rip or puncture in Item 2 above and follow the instructions in the O&M Plan for repair. If impacted liquid is from a source outside of ditch liner, contact the August Mack Project Manager to determine proper response action.

Impacted liquid was recovered:

Date

Impacted liquid volume recovered:

Gallons

How was the impacted liquid recovered and where was the impacted liquid contained?

N/A

4. Any bank erosion seen along the ditch as evidenced by rills, gullies, exposed roots, or sediment deposits at base of slope? Yes____ No X

Where is the erosion observed? N/A

If erosion of the banks of the ditch is observed, document with pictures and contact the August Mack Project Manager for potential solutions to mitigate current and future erosion.

5. Any debris/obstructions observed within ditch? Yes _____ No X

Describe debris/obstructions and location: Snow is covering most of the ditch

If trees or any debris is observed, document, remove, and move the debris into the nearby woods unless the debris has come into contact with impacted liquid. If the debris has come into contact with impacted liquid, containerize the debris for proper off-Site disposal.

What was disposition of the debris? N/A

6. Obstruction of the two 18-inch diameter downstream

drainage pipes observed? Yes _____ No X

If so, document obstructions here:

N/A

If erosion of the ditch banks and/or dam is observed, document with pictures and contact the August Mack Project Manager for potential solutions to mitigate current and future erosion.

Any displacement of the two 18-inch diameter
drainage pipes observed? Yes _____ No X

If the two 18-inch diameter drainage tiles are displaced, take pictures and document here: _____

Contact the August Mack Project Manager to arrange for the drainage pipe(s) to be moved back in place and covered in stone, as necessary.

**Ditch IM Operation & Maintenance Plan
Weekly Inspection Log**

Inspector: M. Hamilton, H. Willis Date: 12/10/2025 Time: 13:30am

Weather: 35° F; snow

Checklist:

Entire length of the Ditch IM transversed: Yes X No

1. Any displacement of liner stone observed? Yes No X

Describe location of stone displacement: N/A

If displacement of liner stone is observed greater than a 1-foot area, document with pictures, and follow instructions in the O&M Plan to replace a minimum of 4 inches of OH DOT #1 stone or a sufficient thickness of rip-rap, as applicable, and document here when replaced. Document the stone replacement with pictures.

Stone was replaced on liner: _____
Date

Note any further measures recommended to limit future stone displacement:

2. Any rips or punctures observed in the liner? Yes No X

If Yes, describe type and location: N/A

If a liner rip or puncture is observed, document with pictures and follow instructions in the O&M Plan to repair the liner and document when the repair is completed. Upon liner repair, ensure repaired liner is covered with geotextile and covered with protective stone. Document the liner repair date and take pictures.

The liner was repaired:

Date

How was the liner repaired? N/A

3. Any impacted liquid observed within ditch? Yes____ No X

If impacted liquid is observed, document with pictures and follow instructions in O&M Plan to recover the impacted liquid and investigate the source of the impacted liquid. If the source of the impacted liquid is a rip or a puncture, document the rip or puncture in Item 2 above and follow the instructions in the O&M Plan for repair. If impacted liquid is from a source outside of ditch liner, contact the August Mack Project Manager to determine proper response action.

Impacted liquid was recovered:

Date

Impacted liquid volume recovered:

Gallons

How was the impacted liquid recovered and where was the impacted liquid contained?

N/A

4. Any bank erosion seen along the ditch as evidenced by rills, gullies, exposed roots, or sediment deposits at base of slope? Yes____ No X

Where is the erosion observed? N/A

If erosion of the banks of the ditch is observed, document with pictures and contact the August Mack Project Manager for potential solutions to mitigate current and future erosion.

5. Any debris/obstructions observed within ditch? Yes _____ No X

Describe debris/obstructions and location: N/A

If trees or any debris is observed, document, remove, and move the debris into the nearby woods unless the debris has come into contact with impacted liquid. If the debris has come into contact with impacted liquid, containerize the debris for proper off-Site disposal.

What was disposition of the debris? N/A

6. Obstruction of the two 18-inch diameter downstream

drainage pipes observed? Yes _____ No X

If so, document obstructions here:

N/A

If erosion of the ditch banks and/or dam is observed, document with pictures and contact the August Mack Project Manager for potential solutions to mitigate current and future erosion.

Any displacement of the two 18-inch diameter
drainage pipes observed?

Yes _____ No X

If the two 18-inch diameter drainage tiles are displaced, take pictures and document here: _____

Contact the August Mack Project Manager to arrange for the drainage pipe(s) to be moved back in place and covered in stone, as necessary.

**Ditch IM Operation & Maintenance Plan
Weekly Inspection Log**

Inspector: M. Hamilton, H. Willis Date: 12/17/2025 Time: 14:00am

Weather: 43° F; partly cloudy, windy

Checklist:

Entire length of the Ditch IM transversed: Yes X No

1. Any displacement of liner stone observed? Yes No X

Describe location of stone displacement: N/A

If displacement of liner stone is observed greater than a 1-foot area, document with pictures, and follow instructions in the O&M Plan to replace a minimum of 4 inches of OH DOT #1 stone or a sufficient thickness of rip-rap, as applicable, and document here when replaced. Document the stone replacement with pictures.

Stone was replaced on liner: _____
Date

Note any further measures recommended to limit future stone displacement:

2. Any rips or punctures observed in the liner? Yes No X

If Yes, describe type and location: N/A

If a liner rip or puncture is observed, document with pictures and follow instructions in the O&M Plan to repair the liner and document when the repair is completed. Upon liner repair, ensure repaired liner is covered with geotextile and covered with protective stone. Document the liner repair date and take pictures.

The liner was repaired:

Date

How was the liner repaired? N/A

3. Any impacted liquid observed within ditch? Yes____ No X

If impacted liquid is observed, document with pictures and follow instructions in O&M Plan to recover the impacted liquid and investigate the source of the impacted liquid. If the source of the impacted liquid is a rip or a puncture, document the rip or puncture in Item 2 above and follow the instructions in the O&M Plan for repair. If impacted liquid is from a source outside of ditch liner, contact the August Mack Project Manager to determine proper response action.

Impacted liquid was recovered:

Date

Impacted liquid volume recovered:

Gallons

How was the impacted liquid recovered and where was the impacted liquid contained?

N/A

4. Any bank erosion seen along the ditch as evidenced by rills, gullies, exposed roots, or sediment deposits at base of slope? Yes____ No X

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If erosion of the banks of the ditch is observed, document with pictures and contact the August Mack Project Manager for potential solutions to mitigate current and future erosion.

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If trees or any debris is observed, document, remove, and move the debris into the nearby woods unless the debris has come into contact with impacted liquid. If the debris has come into contact with impacted liquid, containerize the debris for proper off-Site disposal.

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If erosion of the ditch banks and/or dam is observed, document with pictures and contact the August Mack Project Manager for potential solutions to mitigate current and future erosion.

Any displacement of the two 18-inch diameter
drainage pipes observed?


Yes _____ No X

If the two 18-inch diameter drainage tiles are displaced, take pictures and document here: _____

Contact the August Mack Project Manager to arrange for the drainage pipe(s) to be moved back in place and covered in stone, as necessary.

Attachment B

Ditch IM Monitoring Form – December 2025

	<h2 style="text-align: center;">Weekly Ditch IM Monitoring</h2>				Project Name:
					MSC Site Response
					Site Address:
					460 West Main Street Canfield, Ohio
					Project Number:
	Employee Completing Sampling:				Sampling Date:
M. Hamilton, H. Willis				Wednesday, December 10, 2025	
<h3 style="text-align: center;">Sampling Event Information</h3>					
Pre-Rain Weather Conditions:		6am	Temperature: 35 degrees F		Wind Speed: 12mph
Post-Rain Weather Conditions:		3pm	Temperature: 28 degrees F		Wind Speed: 22mph
Storm Start Time			12/10/2025 2:00		
Rainfall Amount (inches):			0.1		
Rain event occurring greater than 0.10 in.?			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
Is water being pumped/flowing from the top of the liner to Sawmill Creek?			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
Samples submitted for analysis (if yes then list samples below)?			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
<h3 style="text-align: center;">Sample Information</h3>					
Location	Sample ID	Sample Time	Field pH	Free Cyanide (DR900 - mg/L)	
T2-0 (near the Mill Creek Park Bikeway)	T2-0-20251210	14:55	7.86	<0.002	
T2-100 (approximately 100 ft downstream of T2-0)	T2-100-20251210	15:00	7.63	0.011	
T2-250 (approximately 250 ft downstream of T2-0)	T2-250-20251210	15:05	7.52	0.005	
At the location Sawmill Creek crosses Cardinal Drive	Cardinal-20251210	15:20	7.76	<0.002	
At the location Sawmill Creek crosses Verdant Lane	Verdant-20251210	15:30	7.66	0.018	
Access Point T-400	T-400-20251210	15:45	11.51	242	
<h3 style="text-align: center;">Notes/Comments</h3>					