

QUESTIONS & RESPONSES #01**PROCUREMENT NUMBER: 072026-1051****RFP/RFQ TITLE: Arkema Interim Action-Phase 1****CONTACT: Michelle Walker, Procurement Analyst****EMAIL: procurement@portoftacoma.com****PHONE NUMBER: 253-888-4744****QUESTIONS DUE DATE: September 3, 2026, @ 2:00 PM (PDT)****Q&A ISSUE DATE: 8/27/2026**

#	Question	Answer	Question #
1	We're looking at the Arkema Interim Action Phase 1 project, and we're wondering if you can provide all available cross sections, CAD files, and/or vector pdf drawings for earthwork takeoff purposes? The scanned drawings don't technology well.	If contractors would like a copy of the digital drawings please send a completed request form to procurement@portoftacoma.com . The request form is on the procurement portal.	Email
2	Table 1 in Part 3.08 B. of Specification 31 56 13.16 states strength criteria for the self-hardening slurry is greater than 100 PSI, with no age or cure time specified. Part 3.08 F. 5. E. indicates that specified strength is 20 PSI at 28-days. Figure 3 and Table 3 included in Appendix C of the Project Manual show strength results for the trial batches and appear to indicate that 20 PSI UCS is generally achieved at roughly 20 days cure time and 100 PSI UCS is generally achieved at roughly 80 days cure time. Please clarify the required strength and cure time for UCS testing of the self-hardening slurry. Please also clarify the acceptance criteria for strength, specifically including procedures and timing for gaining acceptance of the work when cure times greater than 28-days are necessary to achieve the required strength for the prescribed slurry mix.	See Addendum 1 and Section 3.07 E. 4. See Addendum 1 and Section 3.06 B. 6.	Q-004001
3	Parts 2.01 and 2.02 of Specification 31 56 13.16 note that materials to be used in construction of the containment wall have been pre-tested and approved and that sepiolite has been selected as the clay component for the slurry. Part 2.02 states: "Sepiolite shall be Sea Mud available from IMV Nevada," "and shall meet the most current API Standard 13A specifications." We contacted IMV for a quote on this material and they informed us that they are not currently producing Sea Mud meeting API Standard 13A and they do not anticipate being able to supply Sea Mud for this project. IMV stated that they still produce powdered sepiolite which meets the 70% passing No. 200 sieve requirement, but its not "Sea Mud" and does not meet API Standard 13A. Since Sea Mud is not available as described in 31 56 13.16, will the specification be amended to prescribe an alternate clay component for the slurry, such as powdered sepiolite from IMV or another product from another supplier/manufacturer, which is commercially available for use in this project?	See Addendum 1 and amended specification for use and supplier of Attapulgate clay.	Q-004000
4	Simply looking to obtain a complete Plan Holders list - For: 072026-1051 - Arkema Interim Action-Phase 1	Posted 8/24/26	Q-003991
5	Per Section 01 20 00, 1.07.N, Item #14: Pre-cap Grading and Earthworks, "The Engineer estimates an additional 2,400 cubic yards of material from the Dredging Sediment Pile will be required to meet the pre-cap grading plan contours and elevations." However, there are 5,700 total cubic yards in the sediment pile and 3,700 cubic yards are to be used in Bid Item 10. Please verify quantities.	Quantities are correct. Bid item 10 assumes temporary use of material for preload.	Q-004011
6	On sheet C2.13, under Structural Steel, it notes all piles shall be galvanized grade 3, while in the specification section 31 62 16 - 2.01, it only notes grade 3, with a 2-part coal tar epoxy. Can you confirm that the pipe piles are not intended to be galvanized?	See Addendum 1	Q-004010
7	Spec Section 31 20 00 3.02(4) notes that Contractor shall use land-based equipment for work unless otherwise approved by Engineer. Contractor proposes using barge based crane for installation and support of cofferdam sheet installation and pile driving.	See Addendum 1	Q-004007
8	Are CAD files available for bidding purposes, and if so, can they be released in an early addendum?	If contractors would like a copy of the digital drawings please send a completed request form to procurement@portoftacoma.com . The request form is on the procurement portal.	Q-004021