

## Draft Agenda

NRTC Meeting  
September 9-10, 1998 – Richland, WA

### Wednesday, September 9, 1998:

- 1:00 Welcome and Introductions
- Approve Agenda & Previous Meeting Minutes
- Review Action Items (Jay McConnaughey)
- 1:30 Borrow Sites Overview (Chris Kemp)
- 2:00 Borrow Sites Letter (Jay McConnaughey)
- 2:30 BREAK
- 2:45 Status of Resolution 98-03
- 3:15 Tolling Agreement (Doug Mosich)
- 3:45 Discuss GW/VZ Letter (Barbara Harper/Jay McConnaughey)
- 4:30 ADJOURN

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### Thursday, September 10, 1998:

- 8:30 Announcements/Schedule Future Meetings (Jay McConnaughey)
- 9:00 BTAG Update (Jamie Zeisloft/Jena Lewinsohn)
- 9:30 ERDF Revegetation (Jamie Zeisloft)
- 9:45 W 519 Tank Waste Vitrification Mitigation (Jamie Zeisloft)
- 10:00 BREAK
- 10:15 Level III Survey (Rick Roy/Tom O'Brien)
- 10:45 Finalization of the 100 Area Assessment Plan (Rick Roy)
- 12:00 ADJOURN

HANFORD NATURAL RESOURCE TRUSTEE COUNCIL  
Meeting Minutes  
September 9-10, 1998  
Location: Atrium Building, Richland, Washington

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Jay McConnaughey welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made. There were two visitors from Los Alamos National Laboratory and one from Advanced Technologies and Laboratories International, Inc.

Attendees: John Carleton, Teri Elzie, Larry Gadbois, Ken Gano, Barbara Harper, Jake Jakabosky, Chris Kemp, Dan Landeen, Jena Lewinsohn, Jay McConnaughey, Doug Mosich, Tom O'Brien, and Darci Teel.

Call In: Rick Roy and Jamie Zeisloft.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

The Meeting Minutes from the previous NRTC Meeting held in Portland on July 27-28, 1998, were approved.

**AGENDA ITEMS**

The agenda was discussed and approved.

**REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS**

The action item list was reviewed and updated.

**BORROW SITES OVERVIEW**

Chris Kemp gave an overview of Borrow Sites at the Hanford Site and provided everyone with a handout. Chris stated that a significant portion of the materials needed for the ER Program can be obtained from the Hanford Site. Chris stated that there are two different plans for borrow sites, exhuming solid waste burial sites, or capping them. Borrow sites should require a minimal amount of restorative mitigation. He discussed the possibility of Pit 24 being turned into a "wetland." The purpose of the presentation was to provide a holistic picture of borrow sites and materials.

**BORROW SITES LETTER**

Jay McConnaughey handed out a draft copy of Finding 98-05, "Borrow Sites," for the Council to review and comment. The finding was discussed and recommendations made for revising the

wording to more accurately reflect the Council's position on Borrow Sites. Jay will revise the finding and send it out again.

### **STATUS OF RESOLUTION 98-03, ELECTION OF SUSAN COBURN-HUGHS AS VICE CHAIR**

The Yakama Nation objected to Resolution 98-03, the appointment of Susan Coburn-Hughs of the State of Oregon Department of Energy as Vice-Chair. They would like to see a rotation throughout the Council so that each agency has the opportunity to hold the seats. Currently the Chair/Vice-Chair are representatives of the States (Washington and Oregon). Before a resolution can take effect, it has to be by consensus, therefore, getting an Objection vote from the Yakama's means that the Council cannot proceed without resolving this issue. Barbara Harper will discuss this further with Wendell Hannigan and possibly provide an "abstention with reason" so that it will go on record. Jay will wait to hear from Barbara and, if necessary, schedule a conference call to discuss the issue. Jay said that there is also the possibility of nominating another person or someone else volunteering to take over as Vice-Chair. Jay does not want to change the NRTC By-Laws at this time, because the Council could potentially be locked-in to something it can not accomplish, or the current Chair could be in the position indefinitely. Barbara nominated Larry Gadbois, EPA, as Vice-Chair, and it was seconded by Dan Landeen. If the Yakama's continue to Object, Jay will prepare a new resolution nominating Larry Gadbois and send it out for Council vote. Before Larry is able to accept he felt it necessary to get approval from his management due to the time commitment it would involve..

**Action: Jay McConnaughey – Talk to JR about getting a signature from the Umatillas on Res. 98-03.**

**Action: Larry Gadbois – Talk to supervisor about Vice-Chair responsibilities.**

**Action: Barbara Harper – Discuss 98-03 further with Wendell Hannigan.**

**Action: Teri – Add 98-03, Vice-Chair, as an agenda item for the next meeting.**

### **TOLLING AGREEMENT**

Doug Mosich said that the first thing that needs to be done is to work with the Attorney General's office to prepare a draft document and distribute it to the Council for review and comment. His understanding is that a Tolling Agreement is needed as early as November or as late as April. Doug will have a document prepared for the November NRTC meeting.

### **DISCUSSION OF GROUNDWATER/VADOSE ZONE LETTER**

Barbara Harper handed out copies of a letter she has drafted, "Trusteeship Issues for the GW/VZ/CR Project to be Aware of." The letter is in draft format and she has asked everyone to review and provide their comments. Barbara said that there is no real time pressure to get the letter out right away. Jay stated that it would have to go out as a Finding from the Council. Barbara will continue to circulate drafts of her letter and incorporate comments as she receives them. The Council has not been receiving information concerning Groundwater/Vadose Zone activities because no one has been "officially" representing the Council at the meetings. Jay,

Jamie, and Barbara have all been attending the meetings, but representing their individual agencies. Jay will call Drucilla Butler to discuss this issue.

Barbara mentioned that on September 15-17, the Oversight Panel is having their first meeting.

#### **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1998**

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Jay announced that this is Jena's last meeting and thanked her for all her help with the Council and on the 1100 Area/100 Area Projects.

Dan Landeen mentioned a conference in October, "Ecosystem Restoration," sponsored by WSU Conferences & Institutes Society for Ecological Restoration, to be held in Tacoma, Washington, October 28-30, 1998.

Dan said that he went to Jackson, Wyoming and toured the laboratory where the salmon chromium study is being done.

#### **SCHEDULE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tentative date of October 14, 1998, in Richland, Washington. Rick Roy would brief the Council on the Level III Survey Final Report.

**Action: Teri – Schedule a conference room in the Bechtel Building for the October 14, 1998, meeting.**

Tentative date of November 12, 1998, location TBD.

#### **BTAG UPDATE**

Jena Lewinsohn handed out some information she found through the Internet on EPA BTAG Forum. Jena stated that there has not been any active BTAG action at large federal facilities by EPA Region 10. Jay said that it sounds like something we may want to explore here on Site. Jena discussed the purpose of a BTAG is to provide overall technical guidance, make sure that cleanup levels are appropriate, and that there are no continuing injuries on natural resources. A BTAG would help in directing what needs to be done in terms of cleanup here at Hanford. Tom O'Brien said that it would be advantageous for the Council to send a letter to EPA Region 10.

**Action: Tom O'Brien – Draft/send a letter to EPA Region 9 concerning BTAG.**

**Action: Larry Gadbois – Check with Region 10 Library for all issues of the BTAG Forum.**

#### **ERDF REVEGETATION**

Jamie Zeisloft called in and discussed ERDF Revegetation. The schedule is to go to the field on September 16-17, 1998, with USFW, DOE, Contractors and any Trustees that are interested, and

spend the day finding the best location for the sagebrush. Once a site is selected, USFWS will obtain the plants from the nurseries and get the plants to the selected site. Last week, Jena and Ken Gano went out and found the lower-elevation sites. The sites that are doing the best so far, are those that are in the most disturbed areas. Jamie said that both DOE and the Trustees will provide as much oversight as necessary with the project.

#### **W519 TANK WASTE VITRIFICATION MITIGATION**

Jamie Zeisloft discussed the W519 Tank Waste Vitrification Mitigation. He is currently working out the details of scope and funding and would like to meet with the Trustees as soon as possible to discuss the details. There are three components of the project, onsite rectification, offsite compensatory mitigation (ALE), and revegetation research (ALE). The rectification work is being done by the PHMC, the compensatory mitigation work is being done by USFWS, and the revegetation research is being done by Battelle with help from graduate students of Associated Western Universities. Jamie said that there is over \$500K that will need to be split between these three contractors. Mike Sackschewsky, PNNL, is responsible for the Scope of Work on all three tasks. Jamie stated that they are proceeding as originally planned with two vitrification plants and will need a place to store "soil" – spoil piles. It may be possible to give some of this dirt to other projects that may need to backfill some areas, pits, etc. Jamie said that the offsite mitigation will be done by USFWS under contract to DOE, so we will be able to monitor it very closely.

#### **FINALIZATION OF THE 100 AREA ASSESSMENT PLAN**

Rick discussed the finalization of the 100 Area Assessment Plan. He said that USFWS is waiting for comments and thus far have not received any. Rick said that they (USFWS) should only be receiving Agree or Disagree on the revisions made to the document based on earlier comments. Jamie said that only the agencies that provided comments on the first draft should be providing comments this time. Jay would like to see the document retitled because of the narrow scope, and Barbara agrees that by retitling the document to something like "Hanford Site, Aquatic Resources in the 100 Area (Volume 1), it would create a driver for future work and future volumes. Rick stated that it would be up to the Council if the title is changed and the direction would have to come from DOE to USFWS, because they can't just arbitrarily change the title. Jamie stated that a change of the title is inappropriate. The title had already been changed once and agreed to.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.