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**Hanford Natural Resource Trustee Council**  
**Meeting Summary**  
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**Attendees:**

Teri Elzie  
Larry Gadbois  
Larry Goldstein  
Susan Hughs  
Jake Jakobosky  
Dan Landeen  
Jay McConnaughey

Tom O'Brien  
Joe Richards  
Darci Teel  
Lauri Vigue  
Tom Zeilman  
Jamie Zeisloft

**Presenters and Guests:**

Beth Bilson, DOE-RL  
Kevin Clarke, DOE-RL  
Ted Clausing, WDFW  
Ken Gano, BHI  
Bruce Ford, BHI  
Brad Frazier, USFWS  
Jeff Haas, USFWS  
Stuart Harris, CTUIR  
Susan Holderness, Jacobs Engineering  
Betty Hollowell, DOE-RL  
Russell Jim, YN  
Keith Klein, DOE-RL

Gae Neath, DOE-ORP  
Roger Ovink, CH2M Hill  
John Price, Ecology  
Wade Riggsbee, YN  
John Sands, DOE-RL  
Connie Smith, DOE-RL  
Patrick Sobotta, Nez Perce  
Don Steffeck, USFWS  
Peggy Terlson, DOE-RL  
Dana Ward, DOE-RL  
Steve Weiss, BHI  
Steve Wisness (DOE-RL)  
Curt Wittreich, CH2M Hill

**Approve Agenda & Previous Meeting Minutes:**

Tom welcomed everyone and the agenda was discussed. Jamie Zeisloft said it was necessary to move the discussion on the ~~200-FF-2~~ 300-FF-2 ROD to the next meeting; he will provide some information today, but the presentation by the project people will be next time. The agenda was approved as revised.

**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:**

Larry Goldstein had 1 change to the previous meeting minutes and then they were approved as amended. Teri will issue the final version.

**Review Action Items:**

The action items were reviewed and updated. A decision was made that the action item list will be sent to everyone 2 weeks before each meeting so they have time to review and provide updates before the meeting.

## **Announcements:**

John Sands (DOE-RL) stated that he has been assigned as the PRP, replacing Tom Ferns.

## **1100 Area Tolling Agreement:**

Dan Landeen said the Nez Perce had signed the tolling agreement for the 1100 Area; Tom Zeilman said the Yakama's had forwarded it to their Hazardous Waste Committee for review. (??)

## **Discussion with Keith Klein:**

Introductions were made to Keith Klein and Tom O'Brien summarized what the Council hoped to accomplish with him.

- The Council's decision-making process;
- ecological risk assessment and the need for collecting biological data;
- ERDF mitigation

Tom provided a brief history on the NRTC and stated that the Council has been successful on several occasions, and our goal is to protect natural resources.

- Cleanup issues: several unresolved issues with the 100 Area (BRMaP/BRMiS) – Mitigation policy in place (?)
- 100 Area Assessment Plan: Identified studies that needed to be completed (hexavalent chromium studies in the Columbia River; it is in the process of being finalized, and we are looking at the possibility of writing a summary report on the 3 studies.
- Council has worked on the 1100 Area PAD; as part of NRDA activities to look at injury to natural resources because of releases of hazardous substances; as a result notice of intent to pursue natural resource damages; DDT/DDT on ALE is a concern to the Council.

Keith stated the Council has done a number of good things and said he hopes to invest more time and attention to the Council. He (and DOE-RL) is appreciative of the work the Council has done. There are issues coming up, and this is both an exciting and stressful time. The River Corridor Contract will produce major challenges; he wants to be as informed as possible when doing cleanup; it all needs to be done in some type of balance. He recognizes good, solid progress, but some decisions need to be made and then move on. There are other cases where more information is needed. We need to be good stewards of the taxpayers dollars (spending wisely) and what is the right thing to do for the long-term. The hope is to leave the site in as good as shape as we possible can. He realizes there are a number of agencies represented and a lot of differing interests, but everyone needs to be realistic; sometimes it comes down to compromise. We are all here because we want to cleanup Hanford and restore as much as we can. We need to make it safe, clean it up, and get on with life. We can build on the accomplishments of the Council and help further what the Council has done.

ERDF Mitigation Discussion – Dan Landeen provided background information and the commitment made by the Nez Perce to finalize the BRMaP. The document was sent out in

December for review, but they still haven't heard anything. There is 170 acres that require compensatory mitigation and the position of the Nez Perce is that with or without the finalization of BRMaP, there should be some kind of mitigation for cells 1 and 2. Susan asked if there will be any mitigation for Cells 1 and 2. Keith said he didn't want to make a decision based only on the reasons why we shouldn't mitigate, but came to hear the reasons mitigation should be done. The BRMaP is due out August 15, 2001.

There are several issues with mitigation, one is to get mitigation implemented and the other is where to mitigate. Some Council members believe it should be on the Central Plateau, but it often goes to ALE because it is cheaper. Jay said there is language within the RI/FS document that states mitigation would be done, and DOE-RL needs to step forward and find the funding because Trustee responsibilities have not been met. Keith said timing is an issue. There are things we can do that are affordable, the right thing to do, and compliant. Can money be saved from one project and spent elsewhere; try to prioritize the best we can. In this case there may be some options that are affordable and that we can all feel good about. He needs to discuss it further with Beth Bilson. Keith has a long-range plan and sees progress along the way that goes with our Trustee responsibilities. He didn't come here today to make any decisions, but to become better educated. He is worried that if the cost is too expensive, he will just be told to go away. The key to success is reasonableness, positive reinforcement, and some degree of patience.

Keith said we have a total package out here, but how much does the rest of the country care about Hanford (other than Oregon and Washington). The taxpayers want to know that money is being well spent, and the long-range plan that doesn't appear infinite. Need to develop a multi-year plan, not a year-by-year plan; it comes down to things like long-term stewardship and our trustee responsibility. We need to work with the new administration and get their support. Keith said from his standpoint, we have an open slate, decisions are being made by budget constraints and the policy for environmental management has not been formulated with the new administration. Tom Zeilman said the administration has to get the message that this is not simply the right thing to do, but that there are legal commitments – NRDA liability; a way of saying we "have" to cleanup the Hanford Site and the natural resources – DOE cannot walk away from this site without restoring it. Keith stated the administration has more commitments than what can be funded overnight; and can't afford all the compliance regulations (in every state); we have the legal drivers, we need to use them and take the moral high ground. Russell Jim stood up and gave the perspective of the Yakama Nation on this issue. Several members of the Council again asked for a commitment from Keith on ERDF mitigation. Keith again said he did not come here to make decisions but to get educated and sensitized; he would like to see the issue go away and work on bigger, more important issues. This is a small piece and it comes down to what is the right thing to do. Beth Bilson is the ERDF lead for DOE-RL and she is willing to discuss it further.

**Action: Jay McConnaughey – Contact Beth Bilson to discuss putting together a team for ERDF mitigation.**

At this time, John Price of Ecology stood up and discussed the overlap between the regulatory area and the Trustee area. He said that most of the cleanup work is being done under interim RODS, and the hope is that when we get to 2012 we have 99% of the work done and the final ROD will simply state a few things that are left to do. Ecology will have to recommend that action is protective of human health and the environment. The "environment" part is often

overlooked. The concern is that we don't have adequate data to make a decision. Ecology is telling DOE that Remedial Investigations are deficient due to lack of ecological assessment. He said that Ecology will be looking for ecological studies as part of upcoming milestone investigations specifically in 100 Area. John said Ecology recognizes the Trustees as experts, and when Trustees make recommendations for biological data gathering, we listen. In the 200 Area, the cost is approximately \$200K; not a lot of money to follow half of the commitment (and the environment). Ecology hopes that you (Keith) will give a lot of weight when Trustees ask for additional biological data and funding.

Beth Bilson said the current cleanup standards have been sufficient to meet all MTCA requirements, with the exception of 2, relatively small sites.

200 Area Ecological Assessments – Jay McConnaughey discussed ecological assessments, specifically within the 200 Area. He said several letters were sent to Keith identifying that the Council would like to see protection of the environment. Jay discussed the Rocky Mountain Arsenal project and the bird studies that were done there. Here at Hanford, models have not been validated with site specific data, and in a recent meeting he didn't see much changes. He would propose that much of the ecological characterization be done up front – apply it at the start and through interim action. Trying to achieve a one-time cleanup, but need the data (exposure, waste site specific, and injury studies) to determine appropriate cleanup standards. The 100 Area Assessment was a good example, we need to establish exposure effect studies. Keith stated that he can't think of a way to identify each bug, critter, or bird out there and how it would effect each of them.

Beth's understanding was that cleanup standards were chosen as the "reasonable" thing you could do and it was a big success story because it allowed cleanup to be done. All 3 regulatory parties and the Trustees need to look at new methodology and decide if this is what we want to do here, realizing that 2 parts of CERCLA have to be met. She would like more information about the study at Rocky Mountain Arsenal (e.g., money spent).

#### Decision Making Process –

Tom Zeilman discussed the MOA and the current Council By-Laws.

- MOA was signed in 1996 and states that "all decisions made by trustees should be by consensus..."
- By-Laws state that all formal actions by the NRTC shall be by consensus.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding DOE's role as both Trustee and PRP. The other Trustees recognize that DOE is the "lead" Trustee, however, there has been some discussion in Congress about changing that. The Attorney General has identified a conflict of interest: PRP role vs. Trustee role. This raises the issue of how can the Council reconcile the two statuses that DOE has at the Hanford Site. One proposal was to have both a Trustee and a PRP representative attend the meetings. If we continue to work under the current By-Laws and "consensus" – then DOE has a vote on their own funding. Tom said the Council is proposing a revision to the By-Laws that would say "consensus minus 1," this would allow a loophole because the DOE has declined to abstain under the current By-Laws. We need to make sure that in the future we have a guarantee that DOE decisions are being made as a Trustee, and not as a PRP. Currently, it is unclear if the decisions coming from DOE are from a Trustee standpoint or a PRP. Keith said DOE is on the council and has varying responsibilities. He doesn't have the authority to

“withdraw” from the council. He understands the dilemma, but would like to discuss it further within DOE-RL. Betty Hollowell (DOE Legal) stated that councils are set up as a “cooperating” council – Congress has not changed the law; it is simply a “forum” for cooperation and does not release any agency from its trust responsibilities. Tom Zeilman then asked for a commitment from DOE to abstain when there is a conflict of interest. Keith said that is what we signed up to when we signed the By-Laws. There was further discussion and the decision was made to see how things progress now that John Sands has been assigned the PRP position and Jamie will act only as the Trustee.

Keith closed by saying that he would like to become more involved and would be a better receptor of the information that Jamie provides. Let’s test it and see what happens, in the meantime, strive for clarity.

**Action: Darci Teel – Have the NRTC web page updated.**

### **200 Area Ecological Assessments – Bryan Foley**

Bryan Foley (DOE-RL) provided background information and discussed the objectives of the 200 Area Ecological Assessments. He would like to share information with the Trustees and seek ideas about the approach and how it is currently put together. The overall objective of the project is assess the current status of ecological resources potentially impacted from 200 Area soil waste site contamination to support the remedy selection process.

Curt Wittreich (CH2M Hill) discussed the CERCLA RI/FS and Ecological Evaluation Integration flow chart, the details of Phase 1 and Phase 2, and the overall schedule for the project.

The Council will continue to be updated and involved with this project. (?)

(A copy of the handout/presentation is filed with the meeting information).

### **Salmon Sex Change Study – Dennis Dauble**

Dennis Dauble (PNNL) provided a brief history on the project and distributed handouts to everyone. In 1999, tests were conducted to see if Fall Chinook salmon from the Hanford Reach and the Priest Rapids Hatchery were showing their genetic sex. The results showed that 84% of the female Chinook salmon from the Hanford Reach were genetic males (tested positive for the male-specific DNA marker). However, none of the female salmon collected from the hatchery tested positive for the DNA marker.

Dennis said there could be several different implications from this, including the possibility that YY males will appear in the population in two generations and increase the number of males in a given breeding cohort, and eventually eliminate females from the population.

#### **Possible Explanations:**

- unusual chromosome translocation event
- Hanford contaminants
- Water temperature shift
- Estrogenic compounds

- Genetic probe verification

The next steps in this study are to expand experimental design to include additional locations, collect additional data, test juvenile outmigrant population, and verify results using other methods. Dennis said they have applied for a grant to help fund the continuation of this study. Currently there are more questions than answers.

(A copy of Dennis' presentation is filed with the meeting information).

### **300-FF-2 ROD Ecological Issues – Jamie Zeisloft**

Jamie stated that Bob McLeod had requested this topic be postponed until the next meeting when more information will be available. Jamie said the interim ROD for 300-FF-2 was recently finalized and he discussed some of the issues pertinent to the Council. This will be discussed in further detail at the next meeting.

### **WDOH/PNNL 300 Area Uranium Study – Ted Poston/Greg Patton**

Greg Patton (PNNL) provided background on the project and discussed the overall objectives and drivers behind the project. He said the plan was to carry out a similar study to what took place in the 100 Area but for the 300 Area. PNNL and the Department of Health are working together.

Jamie clarified (emphasized) these issues. He said contaminants are primarily a part of the 300-FF-5 Operable Unit, but this is not a CERCLA study and we are not targeting CERCLA requirements with this study. However, the results will be compatible with the requirements of the ROD (sharing of information).

Greg said there are slightly elevated levels of tritium and uranium along the shoreline and there is a reasonable amount of public access in the area. There was a discussion on the 300 Area Environmental Surveillance Summary, the sampling locations, the foodweb, and the contaminants of concern. Jamie said ~~there~~ DDT isn't a contaminants of concern in the 300 Area because extensive characterization was done of the 300-FF-2 and 300-FF-5. Brett Tiller (PNNL) said that extensive sampling was done in 1993, and samples were taken of mammals for DDT/DDE. Nothing was found. Tom O'Brien said if you have the samples you could just do that as well just to be sure if it's not too expensive. Greg said they are expensive, and Jamie said this isn't an effort to characterize, this is a monitoring effort.

The proposed timeline was discussed and Greg said they appreciate and welcome input from the Council. The Council will continue to be updated on this project.

(A copy of Greg's presentation is filed with the meeting information).

### **Discussion of Chromium Studies Integration Paper & Closeout of Studies – Brad Frazier**

Brad Frazier (USFWS) said they are trying to wrap-up the chromium studies and he distributed a handout with the latest revisions. He wants to make sure there is consensus from the Council before finalizing the report. Brad said they are in the process of doing their own summary report

of the 3 studies (USGS and USFWS). He will be contacting everyone for input. Brad said a draft should be ready by the next meeting, and the Council can use it however they want.

Jamie asked if this effort was being funded by the Interagency Agreement? Brad said yes. Jamie said that is outside the scope; Brad said he didn't think it was. There was a lengthy discussion about scope and the contract between DOE-RL and the USFWS. Brad feels they (USFWS) are working for the Council, and Jamie said the contract is with DOE-RL, not the NRTC. The Council has no legal direction and any direction must come from the Contracting Officer.

The discussion continued on whether or not the work would be within the current work scope, if the USFWS would jointly prepare a proposal with PNNL, and whether or not the USGS would be involved. A decision was made that Tom O'Brien would contact Aaron DeLonay and see if USGS would be interested in preparing a proposal and working with PNNL. If so, Jamie would still accept a proposal.

Jamie said he wanted to go on record that with the existing Interagency Agreement, a the scope of work does not include anything going beyond the final report. This The proposal work is going on outside the scope of the work (contract) and project dollars are being spent. However,; however, they (DOE-RL) are interested in receiving a proposal, but the preparation of the proposal should not be paid for with project funding.

**Action: Tom O'Brien - Contact USGS (Aaron) and see if preparing a proposal is feasible.**

Meeting adjourned.

**Friday, June 1, 2001**

### **Review of Draft NRTC Article for Hanford Reach – Tom O'Brien**

Tom distributed the latest draft of the article he prepared for the Hanford Reach and asked for comments from everyone. There was discussion on the article itself, who the intended audience, and the objective of the article. Tom said he was hoping this could be picked up for printing in other newspapers (beyond Hanford Reach).

A decision was made that everyone would provide comments to Susan and she would revise the article. Two versions will be prepared, 1 for the Hanford Reach and 1 for any outside groups that would include background about the Hanford Site. A revised article will be sent to everyone before the next meeting.

### **Discussion on WIDS – Steve Weiss**

Steve Weiss discussed the Waste Information Data System (WIDS) that has been developed by Bechtel Hanford, Inc. Currently there are 2688 sites in WIDS, and the database is updated anytime they are notified of fieldwork being done. Steve said that WIDS contains a reference system to the Hanford Environmental Information System (HEIS), which contains additional detail on the sites, such as sampling results.

Steve discussed the steps they go through when a new site is added into WIDS and said even sites that are rejected as waste sites, remain in WIDS – nothing gets deleted. There is also hard copy information on the sites contained in WIDS.

Larry Gadbois said adding sites to existing RODs can be done if the site “somewhat” matches (fits) the types of waste sites already included. Steve provided everyone with the URL address so that they can access WIDS and look up information via the internet.

(A copy of Steve’s presentation is filed with the meeting information).

### **Continued Discussion on Integration Summary – Jamie Zeisloft**

Jamie passed around a copy of PNNL’s proposal to do the integration report and apologized to the Council for not following the ground rules; Jamie said there is the possibility that this proposal has been funded and PNNL will do the work;

Susan suggested this be a “done deal” and we go on; the work will be done by PNNL assuming the funding comes through. Tom O’Brien said his feeling is that the integration report may not be acceptable by some of the Trustees. Dan Landeen agreed because the researchers aren’t actually doing the work.

Jamie again stated the good faith effort on requesting a proposal from both PNNL and USFWS/USGS, as evidenced by the minutes from the last NRTC meeting. Brad doesn’t agree. Dennis Dauble contacted Aaron about a proposal, and didn’t receive anything.

This discussion was tabled and a conference call to discuss it further will be set up.

**Action: Susan Hughs – Set up a conference call to discuss Integration Summary Proposal.**

### **TWRS Supplemental EIS – Office of River Protection – Gae Neath**

Jamie Zeisloft discussed the TWRS EIS, said that it generated a mitigation action plan which the Council was involved with. The Office of River Protection is in the process of preparing a “Tank Farm Supplemental EIS (SEIS).” Gae Neath from the Office of River Protection provided handouts to everyone and discussed the SEIS. She said the work is being done by the Office of River Protection and Jacobs-Engineering. The need for an SEIS was determined after the DOE prepared a supplement analysis to assess the changes in plans to retrieve, immobilize, and dispose of tank waste in September 2000. That SA determined that changes in the ORP program compared to the TWRS EIS ROD selected alternative required further NEPA analysis.

Gae said the components of the waste haven’t changed, nor has the size of the canister, but the form has – they are now going to go to a solid form for the waste to be put in. Jamie said this is just a “heads up” for the Council of what’s coming that could affect us.

The current schedule shows that all single-shell tank waste removal is to be completed by 2018, but since the Vitrification Plant won’t be completed by then, the single-shell tanks waste will be put into double-shell tanks for interim storage. ~~(?)~~ Larry Gadbois asked if Ecology is on board with this. Gae said yes, they have been briefed.

There was a discussion on the SEIS schedule and the proposed alternatives. The proposed alternatives include:

- No Action - continue to manage the tank waste through loss of institutional control with no waste retrieval, treatment or disposal or closure activities
- Phase Implementation (also no action) which would be remediation of tank wastes in two phases – demonstration and full-scale waste processing
- 2028 Complete Waste Processing
- 2028 Complete Waste Processing with Interim Waste Storage

Gae said all of this information would be available during the public comment period, which will be the November timeframe. The Council will continue to be involved and briefed on this project.

### **Horseshoe Landfill & Horn Rapids Landfill Update – Jamie/Tom Z/ Dan L.**

Jamie Zeisloft updated the Council on the Tolling Agreement and said the 3 parties (Nez Perce, DOE-RL, Yakama) involved have come to a tentative agreement. The Department of Justice is the party signing the tolling agreement for the United States of America and they have indicated they will sign it. The Tolling Agreement will toll the statute of limitations for 1 year. The tolling agreement contains 2 pieces of work: sampling at Horseshoe Landfill and preparation of a White Paper ~~of~~ on TCE in the groundwater close to the landfill. The Sampling and Analysis Plan has been completed and will be formally transmitted to the Nez Perce Tribe and the Yakama Nation. Tom O'Brien said we need to make sure and coordinate with the USFWS since they are the land managers. Ken Gano said a Special Use Permit is already in place for the sampling to take place.

**Action: Jamie Zeisloft - Forward the Tolling Agreement to the Trustees.**

**Action: Jamie Zeisloft – Coordinate with the Trustees on the Long-Term Stewardship Plan.**

### **Finalization of By-Law Revisions and MOA – All**

Tom O'Brien said he is still of the opinion that the council needs to proceed forward with "consensus minus one" in the revised By-Laws, unless there is clear definition of the Trustee/PRP roles for DOE. We continually seem to have heated discussions that lead nowhere. The objective for the council is to look at natural resource injuries and we can't seem to get there. Larry Goldstein said his preference is to wait, based on the discussions with Beth Bilson and Keith Klein. Beth Bilson supported a presentation by DOE-RL to describe the process and how they will handle the dual role on the Council, and Keith Klein also said he would like to become more involved (regarding the process and accountability). Tom said that's one approach, another is to run this process through to the end, and if DOE wants to object in the end, maybe we have starting point.

Dan Landeen said he thought we heard yesterday that they (DOE) won't support consensus minus one and he would like to see a presentation from DOE-RL on the dual role. Larry

Goldstein agreed, and said DOE hasn't come to terms with it's dual role and they will now try to figure it out and we need to give them a chance as they have asked.

It was decided to wait for DOE-RL's presentation before revising the By-Laws. Tom will schedule a conference call to discuss further (alternatives/suggestions).

**Action: Jamie Zeisloft/John Sands - Clarify Beth Bilson's intent on giving the Council a presentation of DOE's dual role at the next NRTC meeting.**

Discussion on detail of Meeting Minutes: The Meeting Minutes will now be called "Meeting Notes," and they will include less detail, a summary of key issues, action items, and decisions. Teri will continue take lengthy, detailed notes for the file, but will summarize as best she can before sending them to the Council.

### **Election of New Chair/Vice-Chair – All**

Based on several nominations and withdrawals, the final nomination was for Larry Goldstein as the new Chair and Tom Zeilman as the new Vice-Chair. Both nominations were seconded by other Council members. Tom O'Brien will prepare the Resolutions and issue them for Council approval.

**Action: Teri Elzie - Send Tom last year's Resolutions for Chair and Vice-Chair.**

### **Outstanding Administration Items – All**

- Lauri Vigue asked about the status of the proposed Ground Rules for meetings and if they have been approved. Yes, and Susan Hughs suggested putting them in the packets every once in a while to remind everyone as well as having a poster prepared for meetings.

**Action: Lauri Vigue – Have a poster made of the Ground Rules for the Chair to take to each meeting and post.**

- Ecological Issues Letter - Where are we and what is our next step. Tom O'Brien said we should go forward with the letter; we are requesting some specific things, including funding for biological studies. Need the letter to reflect that the Council has these issues and we want to formalize them in a letter to the Tri-Parties. Jay said we need to put in a line that requests a response from all 3 parties, not just DOE.

**Action: Jay McConnaughey – Revise the Ecological Issues letter and send it out again for review, and then try to finalize.**

**Action: Larry Goldstein - Forward everyone the material that John Price was looking at when he made his presentation.**

### **Schedule Future Meetings:**

- July 25-26, 2001, in Olympia, Washington.

- September 5-6, 2001, in Lowell, Idaho with September 12-13 as the alternate dates. (Dan Landeen will contact Three Rivers Resort and get back to everyone).