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Hanford Natural Resource Trustee Council
Draft Agenda
February 11-12, 2004
WSU, CIC Room 214, Richland, WA

Wednesday, February 11th

- 8:30-9:00 ✓ Welcome
✓ Announcements
✓ Approval of November meeting minutes
✓ Review action items
9:00-9:30 ✓ Hanford Risk Assessment Overview (Morse)
9:30-10:30 ✓ River Corridor Risk Assessment Update (Sands)
10:30-10:45 Break
10:45-11:30 ✓ 100 B/C Update (Sands)
11:30-1:00 ✓ Lunch
1:00-2:00 ~~Presentation of the Council's Project Management Plan (Goldstein)~~
~~Keith Klein and Beth Bilson are scheduled to attend~~
2:00-3:00 ✓ Central Plateau DQO Update (Foley)
3:00-3:15 Break
3:15-4:00 Central Plateau DQO - discussion

Adjourn for the day

Thursday, February 12th

- 8:00-8:30 ✓ Next meeting logistics
8:30-9:00 ✓ Noxious weed update (Landeem)
9:00-9:30 ✓ Horseshoe Landfill sampling (Ward/Poston)
9:30-10:00 ✓ USGS Proposal-sculpin sampling (Steffeck)
10:00-10:15 Break
10:15-10:45 ✓ Chromium at 100-D Area update (Charboneau/Morse)
10:45-11:15 ✓ USFWS Level 3 Environmental Assessment for Land Transfer (Steffeck)

Adjourn meeting

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Natural Resource Trustee Council Meeting
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WSU/CIC Building - Richland, Washington

Attendees:

Rico Cruz, CTUIR
John Price, Ecology
Larry Gadbois, EPA
Larry Goldstein, Ecology
Barbara Harper, CTUIR
Stuart Harris, CTUIR
Susan Hughs, ODOE
Jake Jakobosky, BLM

Jay McConnaughey, YN
Astrid Larsen, DOE-RL
Doug Robison, WDFW
Connie Smith, DOE-RL
Steve Wisness, DOE-RL
Dan Landeen, NPT
Don Steffeck, USFWS
Lauri Vigue, WDFW

Presenters and Invited Guests:

Roy Bauer, FHI
Ken Gano, BHI
Brian Foley, DOE-RL
Tom Marceau, BHI
John Morse, DOE-RL
Michael Sobotta, NPT
Lindsay Hayes, USFWS
Ted Posten, PNNL

Brett Tiller, PNNL
John Sands, DOE-RL
Steve Weiss, BHI
Jamie Zeisloft, DOE-RL
Brian Drost, USGS
Patrick Sobotta, NPT
Dana Ward, DOE-RL

Welcome, Agenda & Previous Meeting Notes:

The Chair, Lauri Vigue, opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. The agenda was approved. The minutes from November were approved.

Review Action Item List:

Action items were reviewed, and updated. See Action Items at end of meeting notes.

Announcements:

- RL is still undergoing a reorganization – once the reorganization is final, organizational charts will be provided.
- The 1:00 presentation scheduled for today, HNRTCs draft Project Management Plan is being postponed. The 2:00 presentation will be moved up to the 1:00 time slot.

Hanford Risk Assessment Overview (John Morse)

John Morse gave a presentation - overview attached

http://www.hanford.gov/docs/pdf/Hanford_Risk_Assmnt_Overview_Morse.pdf

http://www.hanford.gov/docs/pdf/H_R_A_O_Summary_Schedule.pdf

John also handed out a site wide summary table of all risk assessments entitled "Summary Schedule for Hanford Risk Assessments."

The Composite Analysis team would like to meet with interest groups and trustees in anticipation of their next computer run to discuss assumptions, contaminants of concern etc. Let John Morse know of your interest and availability.

John indicated the risk assessment for groundwater in the 200 Area would be evaluated in the River Corridor Risk Assessment. Don Steffek emphasized the need to include bioaccumulation and effects into the risk assessment process.

The Interagency Management Integration Team (IAMIT) Risk Workgroup meets periodically. Let John Morse know if you would like to participate, call-in phone lines are available.

River Corridor Risk Assessment (John Sands)

John Sands introduced Eric Bretthauer, contractor to BHI, who will be assisting in the ecological risk assessment for the River Corridor Project. Eric provided a brief overview of his expertise. His main focus will be to bring new non-Hanford focus to the risk assessment for credibility. See website for resumes and other information on the River Corridor <http://www.bhi.erc.com/projects/risk.htm>

The website will continue to be the primary information repository regarding ecological risk assessment on the River Corridor. Communications with the trustees will continue via e-mail. Both of the Trustee and Tribal Communication Plans were completed and sent out for comments.

100 B/C Area Updates:

Ken Gano provided a handout. http://www.hanford.gov/docs/pdf/100_BC_Update.pdf

- Workplan annotated outline in development
- DQO to start around June/July
- PNNL researching historical ecological data
- Radiological technicians performing detailed surveys along shoreline to help guide DQO
- Information developed will be available on River Corridor website link listed above.

Ken indicated raw data summary tables would be available within one month and posted on the web site.

Status of Remediation at Horseshoe Landfill (Connie Smith)

Connie provided a copy of the Yakama Tribe and DOE legal document entitled "Joint Status Certificate Request for Mediation Order."

Central Plateau DQO (Brian Foley & Roy Bauer)

A handout with status information of the DQO was provided.
http://www.hanford.gov/docs/pdf/Central_Plateau_DQO.pdf

EPA/Ecology has given the OK to start spring sampling. The next draft of the DQO book is due out 7 days prior to the next workshop. The next workshop is scheduled for March 30. Contact Roy Bauer for more information. Beth Bilson has the RL lead for the River Corridor risk assessment. The first draft of the SAP is due at the beginning of July with a follow-up workshop expected. The scoping sampling plan will help make a decision as to where to sample.

The risk assessment linkage with ORP and tank farms was discussed. Steve Wisness will contact ORP and request their participation in future Council meetings.

The issue of whether the trustees are able to influence the risk assessment was discussed as was additional sampling requested by the trustees. The trustees want to be assured that data are also collected to help assess injury to natural resources. Data needs should be provided to the tri-parties working on the DQO/risk assessment. There were also questions raised on how the site wide natural resource damage assessment strategy would be implemented.

Control of Noxious Weeds (Dan Landeen)

The Nez Perce (NP) have verbally expressed their concerns, and now have written a letter voicing Tribal concern that the site be free from noxious weeds. The NP met with DOE, FHI and Duratek to discuss the issue. Several action items came from the meeting with more meetings to come. The NP perspective is that cleanup activities also include noxious weeds. A large percent of the noxious weeds are on disturbed land. Hanford has a good management plan, however it needs to be more aggressive. If Hanford will adopt a few changes and add more man power, this will make a significant impact. Possibility of having NP interns to help over the summer work on weed control (possible labor issue with interns). The NP don't want to have all of the hard work that has been done to be for naught when with a little more effort the Site will be in good shape.

The NP are putting together a 44-page booklet on 10-12 species of weeds at Hanford and are asking FHI and DOE to help in the cost of putting this booklet together. The booklet would elevate the issue of Hanford noxious weeds and give some education on where the weeds are populating. The NP are concerned that DOE does not see the project as worthwhile, or they would be willing to finance \$1700 to help with the production of the booklet.

USFWS Level 3 Environmental Assessment for Land Transfer (Don Steffek)

Don Steffek gave a presentation on the land transfer between DOE to USF&W. Talked briefly about the preacquisition survey and sampling efforts for Spring 2004. There are a few areas that have been removed ("cookie cut out") from the transfer, that are known as technical assistance areas. These areas will still be maintained by DOE. If an area is found to have CERCLA contaminants it is still the responsibility of DOE regardless of the transfer status to ensure that it is cleaned up. North Slope and ALE are the main areas of concern.

Horseshoe Landfill Sampling (Brett Tiller)

http://www.hanford.gov/docs/pdf/Horseshoe_1.pdf and

http://www.hanford.gov/docs/pdf/Horseshoe_2.pdf

Discussed the possibility of comparing previous reference sites and possibly adding a “southern” reference site. Also the possibility of using a reference site closer to the Yakama River which may give a difference perspective on DDT levels.

DOE is working with EPA and NP on future sampling plans. Any further sampling suggestions should be provided to Dana Ward or Steve Wisness by March 15.

USGS Proposal-sculpin Sampling (Don Steffeck)

http://www.hanford.gov/docs/pdf/Health_status_of_fish.pdf

Don provided copies of a document entitled “Health Status of Fish in the Hanford Reach of the Columbia River, Washington” from USGS to FWS outlining a proposal for future resident non-game fish (sculpin) sampling. Don encouraged everyone to provide comments to the proposal before our next meeting in May. Discussions centered around integrating the proposal into the River Corridor Risk Assessment, quantity of sculpin and location of sculpin, chromium locations. May want to consider looking at different species and select one that has a smaller range nearer to the shoreline such as a clam.

Chromium at 100 D Area Update (John Morse)

- The decision was made to extend the ISRM barrier another 2000 feet. FHI to start in March.
- Focus for the next few months is
 1. Identify, locate reduce plume in Vadose Zone. BHI putting a plan together for locating the plume.
 2. Remove drivers – water lines, reservoir.
 3. Protect river – ISRM.

Future Meetings

May 12 and 13	Richland	Federal Building Rm. 780
July 12 (afternoon) and 13	Richland	TBD
September 8&9	Lowell	Three Rivers Resort

Future Agenda Topics

- Central Plateau Risk Assessment update
- River Corridor Risk Assessment including 100 B/C update
- PMP
- Web Page updates
- Chromium at 100 D updates
- USGS proposal
- ORP Tank Farm Risk Assessment

**ACTION ITEMS FROM NRTC
QUARTERLY MEETING**

	ASSIGNEE / ACTION	Date Assigned	Date Completed
1.	Administration team to get a process in place for quick issuance of Trustee Council letters – Larry Goldstein/Don Steffeck/Susan Hughs	6/11/03	Ongoing
2.	Provide a list to Ecological Resources Working Group of existing and upcoming land disturbance projects – Dana Ward	6/11/03	Ongoing
3.	Astrid, update general information on Web page Lauri, gather information to update accomplishments	9/11/03	Ongoing
4.	Distribute copies of RL reorganization when complete, at the working level - Astrid Larsen/Steve Wisness	11/13/03	Ongoing
5.	Provide comments to Lauri's draft accomplishments by May 12th	11/13/03	Ongoing
6.	Provide comments to USGS study proposal to Don by May 3, 2004	11/13/03	
7.	Provide comments to PNNL sampling proposal for Horseshoe Landfill to Steve Wisness by March 15, 2004	2/11/04	
8.	Invite ORP to May Council meeting to discuss tank farm risk assessments, Steve Wisness	2/11/04	