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Meeting Minutes
Columbia River Comprehensive Impact Assessment
Weekly Management Meeting
November 28, 1995 - EESB Building, Stampede Room, 1:00 - 4:00



Attendees(*)/Distribution(#):

Dick Biggerstaff, BHI#	Dave Holland, Ecology*#	Bob Stewart, RL*#
Amoret Bunn, Dames & Moore*#	Dick Moos, BHI#	Dan Tano, RL*#
Paul Danielson, NPT*#	Nancy Myers, BHI*#	Mike Thompson, RL#
Greg deBruler, HAB#	Lino Nicolli, YIN#	JR Wilkinson, CTUIR#
Roger Dirkes, PNNL*#	Roger Ovink, BHI#	Tom Woods, YIN#
Sue Finch, PNNL*#	Doug Palenshus, Ecology#	Jerry Yokel, Ecology#
Larry Gadbois, EPA*#	Ralph Patt, Oregon#	Admin Records-CRCIA#
Stuart Harris, CTUIR*#	Stan Sobczyk, NPT#	

Summary of Discussions:

Data issues are still being worked. Need to put data update on agenda for next week. Paul Danielson has also been working on cross checking his list of documents.

Hanford Update Article

Nancy Myers handed out a cmail message from Mark Wallace, Dept. of Ecology, Lacy and the attached Hanford Update article (both are attached to the minutes) and asked for comments. The following are specific comments received:

- First paragraph OK with the changes suggested by Mark Wallace.
- Second paragraph, second sentence. Delete and replace with following: The scope (constrained by funding) will include an initial scoping level risk assessment of the Columbia River.
- Second paragraph, third sentence. Delete and replace with following: The assessment will evaluate impacts to the Columbia River from current and residual Hanford-derived contaminants. There was discussion on residual versus past. The two have different meanings in this context and the team agreed to use residual.
- Second paragraph, last sentence. Delete "include identifying" and replace with "identify".
- Third paragraph, second sentence. Delete "Presently". Insert "until January 31, 1996" after accepted.

BEMR Report

Following last week's meeting, Bob Stewart spoke with DOE-HQ staff and relayed the team's feelings about how BEMR was using the CRCIA Project as part of its public outreach assignment. Additionally, Bob passed on the same information to John Jaksch, PNNL, who was coordinating the Hanford effort. It was suggested that the team could prepare and provide a one page description based on the agreement. After much discussion and dissatisfaction with the BEMR approach, the conclusion was reached that the team was not supportive of the BEMR approach. Bob Stewart took the action to

provide John Jaksch with the most recent copy of the Hanford Update article. Bob will obtain the most recent version from Nancy Myers.

TPA Change Request

A first draft of the TPA change request was prepared by Bob Stewart and handed out at this meeting (attached). Larry Gadbois also handed out a copy of the same change request that had his redline and strikeout comments to the original draft (attached). The following discussion and comments were provided on the two change requests.

- What's the difference between a Class I and Class II change request. A class I change request is at the ROD level and requires John Wagoner's signature.
- There is a need to have a target milestone beyond the FY96 work to establish additional work that is needed. Concern expressed that if milestone ends when FY96 is completed, none of the remaining work will be done.
- Question raised if this group could set a milestone and the response was that this group can propose a milestone. The milestone would need to be approved by the Tri-Parties.
- Proposed that words for a later milestone include identifying, prioritizing, and costing additional work. Work with the team and consider the proposed work with other work in environmental restoration (ER). Concerns were expressed about using FY96 resources to cost this package. It was noted that any costing would come out of new effort under Mike Thompson, RL, from ground water. The team can contribute, but ultimately, RL is responsible for meeting the milestone.
- One approach is as follows: 1) CRCIA project management team identify and prioritize comprehensive activities, 2) RL cost the prioritized activities, and 3) based on priority list and cost information, the team would reprioritize and verify priorities of needed CRCIA work. This information would then be prioritized with other ER work.
- Submitting this change request will meet the current milestone due on December 15, 1995.
- The milestone is an agreement between EPA, Ecology, and DOE with Larry Gadbois, Dave Holland, and Bob Stewart as originators. Who is ultimately responsible for carrying out the milestone? For this team to be involved, it may need to be specifically called out in the milestone. The team could also be included in the background language.
- There was discussion on the funding source for the comprehensive work. Most likely, funding would come from within ER. The question was raised as to why it must be funded from existing ER budget. Additionally, does the work need to be funded in FY97. The IRM will determine if we need to do something right away, then a final risk assessment would be done in next several years.
- Suggestion was made to provide a list of "comprehensive" work scope tasks developed and prioritized in coordination with the CRCIA management team (without costing) on September 96. In December 96, DOE would provide recommendations for follow-on work (scope and schedule).
- Larry Gadbois accepted the action to put the change request information into the standard change request form and format and distribute prior to next weeks meeting.

General Discussions

The agenda for the 12/5/95 meeting was discussed. Mike Blanton will make a presentation on the Chemical Pathway Analysis. Dick Biggerstaff is making arrangements for a presentation on the Ground Water Remediation Strategies for the Site. Dick Biggerstaff will give a 5 minute update on the River Substrate Investigation.

Comprehensive Chapter:

- None at this meeting.

Agreements:

- None reached at this meeting.

Action Items:

Action Description	Assigned To	Due Date
Provide John Jaksch with most recent copy of the Hanford Update article	Bob Stewart	ASAP
Put change request into change request format and form and distribute to team members prior to 12/12/95 meeting.	Larry Gadbois	ASAP

Date/Location of Next 2 Scheduled Meetings:

- Tuesday, December 5, 1:00 - 4:00, ETB Building, Columbia River Room
- Tuesday, December 12, 1:00 - 4:00, EESB Snoqualmie Room

Attachments:

- 11/28/95 meeting agenda (original)
- 11/28/95 meeting agenda (revised)
- ccmail message from Mark Wallace with attached Hanford Update article
- Draft change request information prepared by Bob Stewart
- Redline/strikeout version of draft change request provided by Larry Gadbois

Prepared by SM Finch on 1/15/96

AGENDA
Columbia River Comprehensive Impact Assessment
Weekly Project Management Team

Scheduled from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m., November 28, 1995
Battelle's EESB Building, Stampede Room

1. Draft Package for December 15 TPA Milestone

Revised AGENDA
Columbia River Comprehensive Impact Assessment
Weekly Project Management Team

Scheduled from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m., November 28, 1995
Battelle's EESB Building, Stampede Room

12. Draft Package for December 15 TPA Milestone

1. Revise Hanford Update Article

Author: Mark Wallace at _Ecology_Lacey
Date: 11/27/95 4:59 PM
Priority: Normal
TO: Robert K (Bob) Stewart at -DOE6
TO: Nancy B Myers at -BHI001
TO: David P Holland at -TPA1
CC: Douglas L Palenshus at -TPA1
CC: Peter J Bengtson at -WHC105
Subject: CRCIA for UPDATE

----- Message Contents -----

Good story, however, I strongly urge deletion of the first sentence. You can receive credit through your actions, but if you claim it, you risk losing credibility no matter how sincere your actions.

Otherwise, I have a couple of questions. In the second paragraph, the sentence starting "It will identify initial . . ." how is that different from the publication mentioned later? And is there going to be a focus sheet, and if so, focusing on what?

Thanks
Mark

Columbia River Impact Assessment Team Formed

~~The U.S. Department of Energy (USDOE) is creating more openness in decision making at Hanford.~~ For the last three months the Columbia River Impact Assessment Project Management Team has been meeting weekly to map out the path for the Columbia River Comprehensive Impact Assessment (CRCIA). Members of this management team include representatives from the USDOE (Chairman), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Washington State Department of Ecology, Yakama Indian Nation, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, Nez Perce Tribe, State of Oregon, Hanford Advisory Board, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (primary contractor) and Bechtel Hanford, Inc. ~~(provides technical support).~~ The formation of this innovative group was the result of the need to develop a more credible process acceptable to the stakeholders, tribes and the Tri-Parties.

Consensus has been reached on the fiscal year 1996 work scope. The scope (constrained by funding) will allow for the production of an initial scoping risk assessment of the Columbia River. ~~This scoping assessment~~ It will evaluate impacts in the Columbia River from current and residual past Hanford-derived contaminants. It will identify initial contaminants of concern, species of concern, and develop an initial human and ecological health assessment. Also, the fiscal year 1996 scope will include identifying additional work needed to make the impact assessment truly "comprehensive."

Each of the assessment components and the final report will be peer reviewed and available for public comment. Presently, comments are being accepted on the *Identification of Contaminants of Concern* (PNL-1040/UC-630) document, ~~previously~~ issued in January 1995 for public review. To receive copies of this document, contact Roger Dirkes at (509) 376-8177.

For more information on the CRCIA project, or the newly-formed CRCIA Team, contact Bob Stewart, USDOE (509) 376-6192.

DRAFT - FOR REVIEW BY CRCIA PROJECT MANAGEMENT TEAM

11/22/95

Bob Stewart

[Note: **Bolded** Headings correspond to fields/spaces in TPA Change Control Form]

Originator: Bob Stewart, CRCIA Project Manager, DOE
 Larry Gadbois, CRCIA Project Manager, EPA
 Dave Holland, CRCIA Project Manager, Ecology

Class of change: Class I (signatories)

Change Title: M-15-80 Modification (Change in Columbia River Comprehensive Impact Assessment (CRCIA) Milestone, Project Schedule)

Description/Justification of Change:

The three Tri Party Project Managers (formerly Unit Managers), based on consensus of the recently formed CRCIA Project Team [described in the following], propose that the existing M-15-80 Milestone:

Submit the Columbia River Comprehensive Impact Assessment to EPA and Ecology (Human Health and Environment Risk Assessment) [formerly M-13-80B]

determined
 later than 12/15/95
 be changed to:

submittal date to be
 no

Submit the final report for CRCIA FY 1996 work, consisting of (1) a "scoping-level Risk Assessment" (needed to support Interim Remedial Measure (IRM) decisions and (2) an identification of additional work believed needed by the CRCIA Project Management Team for a comprehensive assessment*

due September

30, 1996

and that the following milestone be added:

Identify, prioritize and cost additional work scope believed required by the CRCIA Project Management Team for a "comprehensive assessment" of the Columbia River.

project was agreed-to (and signed) by Team members (see ATT 2). This agreement contains the following key points regarding scope:

Agreed-to FY 1996 Work:

- 1) Performance of "scoping level" human health and environmental risk assessments for existing contaminants in the Columbia River
- 2) Making more readily available some 2000 documents and related Hanford data base information; making available any other information deemed necessary for the risk assessments; and aiding in the declassification of classified documents pertinent to the CRCIA
- 3) Identification of additional work considered necessary - but not performed in FY 1996

Follow-on Work:

(Referring to Att #2: ...the "comprehensiveness" issue is left open; work identified [in the "Identification of Additional Work..." task] will be assigned TPA milestones as appropriate, scoped, prioritized, and scheduled.

Thus, this change request is submitted to request the changes agreed-to in the CRCIA Project Agreement attached. The agreement was provided to TPA Line Managers for informal review earlier.

~~Redline~~ / Strikeout provided by Larry Gadbois on 11-27-95

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*submittal date to be determined
 no later than 12/15/95*

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~~due September 30, 1996~~

~~Submit an interim report for the Columbia River Comprehensive Impact Assessment to EPA and Ecology (Human Health and Environment Risk Assessment) that documents completion of the "Agreed-to FY 1996 Work" detailed below.~~

~~due September 30, 1996~~

~~and that the following milestone be added:~~

~~Identify additional work scope believed required by the CRCIA Project Management Team for a "comprehensive assessment" of the Columbia River~~

~~submittal as soon as practicable
 for budget considerations, but no
 later than 9/30/95~~

— (Larry's Note: Additional work scope is a required element of the end-of-the-fiscal-year report. There is nothing enforceable -- in the milestone context -- about "as soon as practicable for budget considerations".)

Background:

The existing CRCIA milestone (M-15-80) was based on a project "scope" agreed to and understood by the Tri-Party (TPA) Project Managers (now TPA Line Managers). Scope needed for the project, believed and stated by tribal members, members of the Hanford Advisory Board, and others, was significantly different. For years, appropriate scope and priority for assessments of contaminant impacts to the Columbia River has been controversial. In the summer of 1993 the Tri-Parties began work towards a Columbia River Comprehensive Impact Assessment. This effort was established in the Tri-Party Agreement in January 1994. The differences in project participants' expectations are at least partially attributable to the word "comprehensive" heading in the CRCIA project name and to the description of the project scope for the original M-13-80B milestone [see ATT #1]. This difference has been a primary source of continuing disagreement about the project, an impediment to securing consensus about project goals and direction, and a primary reason for delays experienced by the project, earlier in 1995.

To help in overcoming the difficulties of the project establish common expectations, a CRCIA Project Management Team was formed in late August, 1995, consisting of the following organizations and representatives:

- (Chair) U. S. Department of Energy— CRCIA Project Manager, - Bob Stewart
- U. S. Environmental Protection Agency— CRCIA Project Manager, - Larry Gadbois
- State of Washington, Dept. of Ecology— CRCIA Project Manager - Dave Holland
- Yakama Indian Nation - Tom Woods
- Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation Nation - Stuart Harris
- Nez Perce Tribe - Paul Danielson
- State of Oregon - Ralph Pat
- Hanford Advisory Board - Greg deBruler
- Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (primary contractor):
 - CRCIA Project Manager, Roger Dirkes
 - Sue Finch
- Bechtel Hanford, Inc (Environmental Restoration Contractor)
 - Dick Biggerstaff
 - Nancy Myers

This team began meeting in late August and continues to meet, one-half day per week, to resolve the several issues associated with the project. An agreement concerning the scope of the project was agreed-to (and signed) by Team members (see ATT 2). This agreement contains the following key points regarding scope:

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~~3) Identification of additional work considered necessary but not performed in FY 1996~~

The following work, with proactive involvement by the non-TPA members, will be performed in response to TPA Milestone M-15-80:

- 1) Perform an assessment of Hanford-derived contaminants (existing conditions including residual contaminants from past operations) in a scoping level risk assessment to support IRM decisions.
- 2) Compile and make available to the public the approximately 2000 documents identified in Appendix A of the data compendium; pertinent supporting Hanford data will be made available.
- 3) Work with the declassification efforts of the HAB in identifying the Columbia River documents as a high priority for release.
- 4) Define the essential work remaining to provide acceptable "comprehensive" river impact assessment. This work will be documented in the same report as the scoping level risk assessment.
- 5) Data (from 2&3) will be available for reconciliation against the risk assessment.

These actions are designed to fulfill the requirements for a scoping level risk assessment to support IRM decisions limited only by the time and FY96 funds available for this effort. However, the "comprehensiveness" issue is left open. Work identified under #4 will be assigned TPA milestones as appropriate, scoped, prioritized and scheduled.

Follow-on Work:

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