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Hanford Natural Resource Trustee Council
Draft Agenda
May 12-13, 2004
Federal Building, Room 780, Richland, WA

Wednesday, May 12th

8:00-8:30 Welcome
Announcements
Approval of February meeting minutes
Review action items
Next meeting logistics

9:00-10:00 Project Management Plan (discussion)

10:00-10:15 Break

10:15-10:45 River Corridor Risk Assessment Update (Sands)

10:45-11:15 Web page updates (discussion)

11:15-11:45 Central Plateau Risk Assessment update including ORP tank
Farms (Foley and ?)

11:45-1:00 Lunch

1:00-1:30 Chromium at 100-D update (Morse)

1:30-2:00 USGS proposal (Steffeck) *DECISION*

2:00-2:30 SWEIS and Risk-Based End States (discussion)

2:30-3:00 200 Area Remediation Caps (Kevin Leary)

3:00-3:15 Break

3:15-3:45 200 Area surface plume (?)

3:45-4:15 300 Area uranium plume (Harris/Repasky)

4:15-4:30 HAB coordination (discussion)

4:30-4:45 EPA Risk Assessment Experts (Steffeck, discussion)

Adjourn for the day

Thursday, February 12th

8:00-8:30 Meet in Federal Building lobby

8:30-11:30 Field Trip to ALE (Wisness)
Land Transfer
Horseshoe Landfill

11:30 Return to Federal Building

Adjourn meeting

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Natural Resource Trustee Council Meeting
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Attendees:

Larry Goldstein, Ecology
Barbara Harper, CTUIR
Lindsey Hayes, USFWS
Ed Hiskes, DOE-RL
Dan Landeen, NPT
Astrid Larsen, DOE-RL
Jay McConaughy, YN

Doug Robison, WDFW
Connie Smith, DOE-RL
Don Steffek, USFWS
Tom Stoops, ODOE
Lauri Vigue, WDFW
Steve Wisness, DOE-RL

Presenters and Invited Guests:

Roy Bauer, FHI
Robert Black, USGS
Annette Cary, TCH
Colleen Clark, DOE-RL
Shannon Dininny, AP
Tom Fogwell, FHI
Bryn Foley, DOE-RL
Rose George-Elisondo, YN
Ray Givins, YN
Barbara Harper, CTUIR
Tony Knepp, CH2M Hill
Kevin Leary, DOE-RL

Jennifer Linville, CH2M Hill
Tom Marceau, BHI
John Morse, DOE-RL
Harry Ohlendorf, CH2M Hill
Scott Petersen, FHI
John Sands, DOE-RL
Kathy Shinn, ODOE
Rosenda Shippentown, CTUIR
Steve Weiss, BHI
Robert Yasek, DOE-ORP
Jamie Zeisloft, DOE-RL

Welcome, Agenda & Previous Meeting Notes:

The Chair, Lauri Vigue, opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. The agenda was approved. The minutes from February were approved, with a correction to the link for the BHI River Corridor Risk Assessment, and the wording of the third paragraph on page 3.

Review Action Item List:

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

Announcements:

- Reservations for the September NRTC meeting in Lowell need to be made soon if you haven't already made them.
- The July 12-13 meeting will be at the CIC in Richland, starting at 1:00 on July 12. The start time will be 8:00 on July 13. We will be voting on the new Vice-chair position to start with the September meeting.
- Lauri is accepting donations for Linda DeJaffe (sp?).
- Ecological risk conference call scheduled for the 4th Thursday of the month with John Price, Larry Gadbois, and Darci Teel. Let John or Larry know if you would like to participate.

- Trustee Council meetings and HAB meetings tend to coincide, need to consider HAB dates when planning Council meetings.

Bulletin Board (Larry Goldstein)

Larry Goldstein passed out a quick sheet on how to logon to the HNRTC Bulletin Board.

- A. Register as and EZBoard global user
 1. Open web browser and go to
http://www.ezboard.com/registration/userregistration_global.html
 2. Enter the required information into the fields.
 - Be sure to check the “I agree to ezboards TOU...” box
 - It is suggested that you uncheck the “Yes! I want to receive messages...” box otherwise you may receive unwanted email.
 3. You will receive an email asking you to validate your account. Once you’ve validated it, go on to the next step
- B. Join the HNRTC Bulletin Board
 1. If you are not already logged in, go to
<http://login.ezboard.com//BBSUser.fromWEB> and log in.
 2. Go to <http://pub207.ezboard.com/bhnrtc>
 3. Click the “Apply for Membership” button.
 4. Send an email to Larry Goldstein, lgol461@ecy.wa.gov and Tim Hill tihi561@ecy.wa.gov letting them know that you’ve made your application.
 5. One of them will contact you once your membership is activated. You may then access the bulletin board by going to <http://pub207.ezboard.com/bhnrtc>

If you have any questions, please call Tim Hill at (509) 372-7908.

The meeting minutes will be the first time using the bulletin board. The trustees and representatives + John Price, and Larry Gadbois will have access.

Web Page Updates (Lauri Vigue)

There was a discussion about the web page updates. There is a feeling that there are so many different activities going on that people don’t feel that they can adequately fully participate. The discussion turned and it was suggested that the Trustees become more like the HAB in that the HAB carries more weight. A couple of people are assigned to work on a certain letter and then provide advice. It was stated that the NRTC is not able to get correspondence out in a timely manner (perhaps the bulletin board can help with that). The bulletin board will give the ability to craft advice much better at a higher level, however getting consensus may not be possible.

- Findings have been added to the web page.
- Current projects need to be added.

HAB Coordination

A general discussion was held about HAB and NRTC coordination and the desire to work more closely with the HAB. It was suggested that instead of the NRTC making presentations to the HAB, that perhaps we hold a joint meeting.

Larry Goldstein gave a presentation at one of the HAB meetings, and HAB members knew about the HNRTC and what we do. At that meeting, the HAB requested more communication between the trustees. Larry suggested that an NRTC member needs to sit in at a minimum if not participate and then report back at the next NRTC meeting.

Doug Houston already sits in on these meetings. The Nez Perce have 2 or 3 individuals that sit in.

It was mentioned that it is easy to get someone appointed to sit in on the meetings, and that we could probably even get a voting membership. (A point was raised that there is a limited amount of resources available.)

The HAB minutes are published, perhaps we can get these posted on the NRTC bulletin board.

Project Management Plan (PMP) Discussion

Some of the trustees expressed dismay over the letter received from Keith Klein regarding his response to the PMP. Beth Bilson attended this session and was very impressed with the information that has been provided in the draft PMP so far and that it helped focus DOE on performing PASs sooner. Ms. Bilson suggested that DOE was not ready to move or plan for damage assessment at this time. Funding could be available to get pre-assessment screenings done in the near term. DOE's focus is on CERCLA ecological risk assessments and possibly providing some resources for technical assistance. The PMP proposal for funding technical assistance was not specific.

Clarification was made that the PMP is not focused on damage but injury. Council members stressed the need for budget line items starting with FY06. Opinions were expressed by several Trustees that the PAS was not an efficient use of money and that injury had already occurred so that an injury assessment is the next logical step.

Beth committed Astrid/Steve to develop DOE plan for completing a PAS.

River Corridor Risk Assessment (John Sands)

John Sands introduced Harry Ohlendorf, CH2M Hill, who gave an overview and provided handouts. See the website at <http://www.bhi-erc.com/projects/risk/risk.htm>.

An update was also provided on the B/C pilot. The sampling plan for FY04 is on the Web page and open for comments. Components of the River Corridor Baseline Risk Assessment include the B/C pilot project, reactors and waste sites in the 100 and 300 Areas, and the Columbia River from Vernita Bridge to Astoria. The Bases and Assumptions for the River component are on the Web site and open for review. As described in the River Corridor Trustee Communication Plan, trustees are notified through e-mail when new documents are available for review and comment.

Central Plateau Ecological Risk Assessment Update

Roy Bauer provided verbal updates and linkage between the CP ecological risk assessment and tank farms ecological sampling data.

There have been two workshops on the CP ecological risk assessment including a comment/response loop. A draft Sampling and Analysis Plan is available for comment and will be the topic of the May 21st DQO workshop. ORP committed to coordinating their ecological risk assessment similar to the CP process.

For the last seven years, ORP contractors, RL contractors and PNNL risk assessors have been co-located, providing a natural integration. A merit panel recently concluded that an initial eco risk assessment at tank farms needs to start. John Morse with RL is coordinating risk assessments.

It was commented that the timing of the Central Plateau and River Corridor ecological risk assessments are inconsistent, that one is completed before the other.

Chromium at 100 D Area Update (John Morse)

John Morse provided handouts. The team is focusing on addressing immediate plumes (pump and treat), eliminating the drivers to the plume (fire safety system pool) and locating the source. A question was raised whether there has been any biota sampling downstream of 100-D? Astrid took the action.

USGS Proposal

Don Steffek had previously provided a letter from USGS with a proposal to further expand on previous salmon sampling for fish health and now use species present in the River. Some of the trustees are interested in developing effect levels specific to Hanford instead of relying on generic data. DOE would like to use ongoing CERCLA risk assessment efforts on the River Corridor before embarking on the USGS proposal.

Some of the trustees and other representatives expressed concern regarding DOE's use of contractors to perform this type of work and that "technical assistance" is broader than just using a DOE contractor... "we are on a train wreck..."

Solid Waste EIS and Risk Based End States

There was a desire amongst the trustees to coordinate positions on these two issues. The ROD for the SWEIS is due out soon. Concern was raised regarding the “irretrievable/irreversible (I/I) language for groundwater. See Section 5.15, page 43.

Ecology informed DOE that that Ecology will continue to work with DOE on RBES provided that this helps further discussion on specific commitments. However, Ecology has not bought into the concept.

Utilizing EPA Risk Assessment Experts

Don Steffek discussed his efforts to bring other federal risk assessment experts assistance to the Council. Bruce Duncan with ? came to a Council meeting about 4 years ago. Another group in Edison, New Jersey (?) with ? has a number of experts. Both Larry Gadbois and Don Steffek will continue to check into having risk assessors provide technical assistance to the Council. Jay McConnaughey said that he verbally requested risk assessment assistance from EPA Region 10 last year but has not heard back yet.

Overview of 200 Area Caps/Barriers

Kevin Leary provided a handout with an overview of caps/barriers proposed for 200 Area waste sites.

Questions were raised whether “lost use/services” were considered in the CERCLA decision criteria, whether NRDA restoration/mitigation was factored in and if BRMaP was consulted. The answer to the first 2 questions was no. Kevin admitted that he was not familiar with BRMiS/BRMaP. He will be invited to the July 13 ERWG meeting and provided a copy/link to the documents.

Meeting was adjourned for first day. Day two will be a quick overview from Shirley Olinger on the status of Risk Based End States then a field trip to Horn Rapids Landfill, Horseshoe Landfill, Borrow Area C. Heide Newsome with USFWS will attend to describe research and mitigation updates.

Future Meetings

July 12 (afternoon) and 13	Richland	WSU CIC
September 8&9	Lowell	Three Rivers Resort

**ACTION ITEMS FROM NRTC
QUARTERLY MEETING**

	ASSIGNEE / ACTION	Date Assigned	Date Completed
1.	Provide a list to Ecological Resources Working Group of existing and upcoming land disturbance projects – Dana Ward	6/11/03	Ongoing
2.	Astrid, update general information on Web page Lauri, gather information to update accomplishments	9/11/03	Ongoing
3.	Invite Kevin Leary to the July ERWG meeting and provide links to the document. Dana Ward/Astrid	5/12/04	
4.	Provide comments to PNNL sampling proposal for Horseshoe Landfill to Steve Wisness by March 15, 2004	2/11/04	Ongoing Complete?
5.	Check to see if there is any biota sampling data available, downstream of 100-D and provide to Council members, Astrid	5/12/04	

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Checklist
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Meeting Duties

Activity	Time Interval	Date Completed	Notes
Reserve room	As soon as next meeting date and location is selected. Include arrangements for an overhead projector and flip chart	Feb 24	Rm 780
Agenda	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prepare first draft for the Chair. 2. Schedule a conference call 45 days before next meeting. 3. E-mail call notice and draft agenda to Trustees for final revisions 4. E-mail revised agenda from call 5. Schedule speakers as soon as agenda is near "final" 6. Indicate which agenda items require trustee decisions 	3/23 3/24	Need by about April e-mail sent to chair 3/19/0
Prepare packets	Start 2 weeks before next meeting Include items listed below in the packets.		
Day of meeting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bring packets 2. Sign-in sheets 3. Take notes 4. Dry-erase markers 5. Masking tape 6. Cell phone 		
After the Meeting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prepare Rev. 1 Minutes and e-mail to Trustees within 2 weeks of previous meeting. 2. Send Rev. 2 Minutes 30 days before next meeting with redline/strikeout. 3. Send Rev 3 with redline/strikeout 7 days before meeting. 4. Include Rev 3 or Rev 4 to meeting without Redline/strikeout in packets. 		Feb Rev1 notes to Lawri 3/19/0 Feb 04 Rev 2 due by April 15 Feb 04 Rev 3 due by May 5

Continuous Agenda Items

- Welcome
- Introductions
- Approve Agenda
- Announcements
- Approve previous meeting minutes
- Review action items
- Future meetings/agenda topics
- Accomplishments (as needed)

Meeting packet info (ready for mail out to those that are not able to attend)

- Contents
- Council member list (when updated)
- Agenda
- Previous meeting minutes for approval
- By-laws (when revised)
- Council related correspondence ??