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**Subject: Progress Report for Week Ending February 22, 2008  
BNSF Skykomish Cleanup - Consent Decree No. 07-2-33672-9**

Dear Brian,

This progress report is submitted on behalf of BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) pursuant to Section XI of Consent Decree No. 07-2-33672-9 (Consent Decree) for the week ending February 22, 2008 and provides:

- A list of on-site activities that have taken place during the week
- Detailed description of any deviations from tasks required by the Consent Decree not otherwise documented in project plans or amendment requests
- Description of all deviations from the Cleanup Action Plan (CAP) and schedule contained therein, during the reporting period and any planned deviations in the upcoming month
- For any deviations in the schedule, a plan for recovering lost time and maintaining compliance with the schedule
- All raw data (including laboratory analyses) received by BNSF during the reporting period and an identification of the source of the sample, unless Ecology agrees that submitting raw data is not necessary at that time, and
- A list of deliverables for the upcoming reporting period if different from the schedule.

Additionally, this report also provides a list of remedial design and planning activities as you requested in our meeting on Friday, January 11, 2008.

### **On-Site Levee Restoration Activities**

- Levee railing installation and levee light fixture installation will take place once weather conditions allow. Currently the light fixtures are scheduled to be installed the week of March 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Due to above average snow pack, the remaining levee planting will likely take place in June or July due to the potential for higher than normal snowmelt to wash away the plants this spring. BNSF will formally request an extension of the deadline for completion of planting.

## On-Site Remedial Design and Planning Activities

- No activity.

## Upcoming On-Site Work

- Green Earthworks will remobilize to the site weather permitting for the additional limited railyard excavation.
- SHKS will complete historic documentation and structural assessment work on the McEvoy House pending access.
- Ecology approved BNSF's request to postpone the semi-annual groundwater sampling and gauging until March because a number of wells are inaccessible due to snow cover. Monthly gauging will not be possible in February due to inaccessible wells. Currently we anticipate performing the semi-annual and bimonthly monitoring concurrently in March.
- Prospective bidders will take part in a pre-bid site walk on Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## Raw Data

- Unvalidated analytical data from HCC organoclay carbon test columns representing pore volumes 1-7 are attached to this report.

## Deviations

- The revised draft HCC design details were presented to Ecology at the February 20<sup>th</sup> meeting (instead of 30 days after the December 28<sup>th</sup> comments, or January 22, 2008). The design will be documented in the Plans and Specifications, addenda to the Plans and Specs and in the revised draft HCC Special Design Report to be submitted to Ecology on or near March 7, 2008.
- BNSF will formally request an extension of the March 31, 2008 deadline specified in Section VI.1.a. and b of the CD for completion of levee planting.
- Ecology has approved the postponement of the monthly gauging, the bi-monthly levee well gauging and sampling, and semi-annual site-wide gauging and sampling from February to March due to the amount of snow cover at the site.

## Additional Remedial Design and Planning Activities

- Revising the HCC Special Design Report based on comments received from Ecology on Thursday December, 28<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, groundwater modeling results, and constructability issues. The revised draft HCC Special Design Report will be submitted to Ecology on or near March 7, 2008 to allow time for addendum to the plans and specs.
- Preparing 2007 Supplemental Design Investigation Report for submittal to Ecology.

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- Preparing the NPDES permit modification package for submittal to Ecology.
- Preparing the draft Former Maloney Creek Special Design Report for submittal to Ecology.
- Plans and specifications were issued to prospective bidders on Friday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>. An addendum to the plans and specifications is being prepared.

Sincerely yours,



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