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**Subject: Progress Report for Week Ending March 13, 2009
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 March 13, 2009 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
- A list of deliverables for the upcoming reporting period if different from the schedule.

On-Site Activities

Remediation work included:

- Continuation of west, center and east gate vaults dewatering and manual operation of HCC treatment system in the remediation building. Continuation of twice weekly gauging.
- Asphalt placed on the joint utility trench along Railroad Avenue.
- Verizon and Puget Sound Energy are pulling their wires in the main joint utility trench. This work is anticipated to be complete at the end of next week.

- Continued to commission the hydraulic containment and control water treatment system as necessary. Labor and Industries performed an electrical inspection of the remediation building on Wednesday, March 11th.
- Troubleshooting the blower of the air sparging system to resolve blower speed issue.
- Decommissioning of the School Remediation Pilot Test Plot on the railyard was completed with the exception of the temporary fencing which remains.
- Began installation of groundwater monitoring wells within the footprint of the 2008 excavation. Once wells are installed, monitoring wells within the 2009/2010 excavation footprint will be abandoned.
- Field work for the historic drawings of the Hotel, Theater building, and Town Maintenance building.
- Relocating piezometer PZ5N on Railroad Avenue so that it is not in conflict with the curb and gutter.
- Ongoing restoration of McEvoy House. Fireplace hearth support was repaired on Monday, March 9th.
- Installed the temporary pH adjustment system on Wednesday, March 11th. A permanent system is being designed.

Upcoming On-Site Work

- Site restoration to be completed at a later time includes: final paving of roads, installation of curb and gutter, final sidewalks, and installation of the irrigation system in the Town park.
- Continue HCC operations in manual mode including twice weekly gauging in the vicinity of the hydraulic containment and control system and NPDES sampling of the manually operated hydraulic containment and control system.
- Troubleshooting/start up of the air sparging system.
- Continue restoration of McEvoy House pending owner agreement of action items.
- Continue installation of groundwater monitoring wells within the 2008 excavation footprint. Once installation is complete abandonment of wells within the 2009 excavation footprint will be performed.

Raw Data

Data received during the reporting period have been submitted via virtual project manager.

Deviations

There are no deviations from the consent decree schedule to report at this time.

Document Preparation

- Revising the figure for Appendix B to the 2009 EDR.
- BNSF accepted Ecology's revised language CAP modification language on Thursday, March 12th.

- Preparing the Draft 2008 As-Built Completion Report, the Draft Bridge Coordination Report, and the Draft Former Maloney Creek West Wetland Special Design Report for submittal to Ecology on March 31, 2009.
- Distributed construction plans and specifications to bidders on Monday, March 9th. Pre-bid meeting/site walk for bidders will be held on Monday, March 16th at 10 am in the General Store.
- Received Ecology's comments on the Draft Work Plan for Supplemental Soil and Groundwater Investigation for Skykomish School.

Documents Pending Agency Review

Document Title	Submittal Date	Awaiting Agency Action
2007-2008 Levee Interim Action As-Built Completion Report	Electronic: January 28 2009 Hardcopy: February 12, 2009	Review and approval
Draft 2009 Construction Plans and Specifications	February 17, 2009	Review and comment
2009 Engineering Design Report	February 17, 2009; Revised App. B text submitted in response to Ecology comments on March 3, 2009	Review and approval
Draft 2009 Compliance Monitoring Plan	March 2, 2009	Review and comment

Additional Remedial Design and Planning Activities

Working with property owners on outstanding access agreements and preparation for temporary relocation.

Public meeting scheduled for 6 – 8 pm at Maloney's General Store on Wednesday, March 25th.

BNSF representative to present approach to historic permitting and archaeological monitoring for 2009 to the Town Design Review Board on Wednesday, March 18th.

Sincerely yours,



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