



December 4, 2006

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**RE: Weekly Progress Report for Week Ending December 1, 2006
BNSF Skykomish Levee Zone Interim Action for Cleanup**

Dear Louise:

This weekly progress report is submitted on behalf of BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) per Agreed Order No. DE 3279 for the week ending December 1, 2006 and provides:

- A list of activities that have taken place during the week
- Detailed descriptions of any deviations from the Order and project plans
- Descriptions of all deviations from the schedule and any planned deviations in the upcoming week, and plans for recovering lost time and maintaining compliance with the schedule.

Activities

- Soil Handling:
 - Trains were received and loaded with excavated materials for off-site disposal on a daily basis, however the number of cars received was variable. Development of a contingency plan for transporting material off site for disposal by March 30, 2007 was initiated.
- Restoration:
 - The Mackner, Moore, and Mitchell west houses and the Teacherage were placed on their foundations. The remainder of the Mitchell east foundation was poured.
 - Heaters and dehumidifiers were operated in the houses 24-hours a day.
 - Levee retaining wall design is in progress.
 - Conduit for the joint utility trench was received on site.

- Monitoring:
 - Noise monitoring was performed at the school and railyard.
- Document Preparation and Reporting:
 - Weekly progress report submitted to Ecology on November 27
- Dewatering and Water Treatment:
 - Stormwater that fell on the soil stockpile area continued to be treated and discharged to the railyard ground surface per Exhibit J of the AO; however, the system did not operate the majority of the week due to freezing temperatures.
- Meetings and Conference Calls
 - Weekly construction meeting held in Skykomish between Wilder and RETEC, Tuesday, November 28 at 10:00 am
 - DCAP discussion meeting was held between BNSF and Ecology on Thursday, Nov 30 at 9:30 am at Ecology's NWRO
 - DCAP technical meeting between BNSF representatives and Ecology on Friday, Dec 1 at 9:30 am at Ecology's NWRO

Activities scheduled for the week of December 4 include:

- Continue loading and transporting materials off-site for disposal as trains are available
- Continue to coordinate with Town on restoration items including levee retaining wall
- Place Mitchell east house on its foundation
- Begin work on retaining wall if design has been completed
- Continue operating heaters and dehumidifiers in the temporarily relocated houses
- Move Mackner garage
- Construct drainfields
- Construct joint utility trench
- Weekly construction meeting in Skykomish between RETEC and Wilder – Tuesday December 5

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- Continue noise monitoring
- Continue discharge monitoring required by Exhibit J to the Agreed Order
- Continue preparation of contingency plan to transport material off site for disposal by March 30, 2007

Deviations

There are no deviations from the Order and project plans to report.

Schedule

At this time, no deviations are anticipated from the schedule in Exhibit E of the Agreed Order.

Sincerely,

The RETEC Group, Inc.



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