



June 19, 2006

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**RE: Weekly Progress Report for Week Ending June 16, 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 June 16, 2006 and provides:

- A list of activities that have taken place during the week
- Detailed description of any deviations from the Order and project plans and
- Description 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

- Boom maintenance continued 5 days per week.
- RETEC and Ecology representatives participated in a conference call on June 13, 2006 to discuss project activities.
- Northwest Archaeological Associates (NWAA) submitted a draft technical memorandum addressing DAHP and King County comments on the draft Cultural Resources Monitoring & Discovery Plan to RETEC for review. They are completing the memo and plan to submit it to RETEC the week of June 19.
- The contract between BNSF and D. B. Davis Rigging & House Moving has been signed. Final house inspections will be performed the week of June 19, and houses will be rigged for moving. Asbestos abatement of the Teacherage and Moore house is scheduled for the week of June 26.
- Quarterly groundwater monitoring reports were submitted to Ecology for the 3rd and 4th quarters of 2005. Preparation of the annual groundwater monitoring report is in process.

- Demolition debris from the former Lyderson house was removed and grading of the temporary access road through the former Lyderson property was performed.
- Argus Pacific is revising the Air and Noise Monitoring Plan in response to Ecology comments and we expect to submit the plan to Ecology the week of June 19. Argus Pacific conducted daily monitoring for dust, and twice weekly air monitoring for petroleum distillates, diesel exhaust and PAHs in accordance with the draft Air and Noise Monitoring Plan. We are in the process of procuring noise monitoring equipment.
- RETEC received draft comments from Ecology on the draft SWPPP on June 16 and is expecting a comment letter the week of June 19.
- Corporate and Seattle RETEC Health and Safety (H&S) Officers conducted a H&S audit of the site.
- Fence posts along the south side of the railyard have been removed and replaced with a fence that is further to the south, closer to the BNSF property line. Impacted fence post footings will be disposed of with impacted soils rather than as construction debris.
- The Verizon bypass line for W. River Road and the School's T1 line was installed.
- The RETEC H&S Plan was submitted to Ecology.
- The Coast & Harbor Engineering technical memorandum was submitted to the levee design team.
- RETEC submitted a draft Water Quality Monitoring Plan (required by Exhibit H.1 Water Quality Certification of the Agreed Order) to Ecology on June 16.
- Wilder installed the liner for the stockpile area on the railyard and moved Baker tanks onto the treatment area and began plumbing work.
- RETEC has ordered installation of a T-1 line at the BNSF house. We are continuing to evaluate options for extending this service to Ecology's field office located in the Community Center via a wireless bridge, and expect to have it in place by the first week of July.
- The school memorial was relocated. Rocks comprising the Mitchell pond will be relocated the week of June 19.
- RETEC submitted a compilation of materials containing information to support BNSF's application for Hydraulic Project Approval (HPA) to Bill Mavros with the Department of Fish and Wildlife (c/o Ecology) at his request.

- Overburden soil samples were collected from the levee for laboratory analysis of NWTPH-Dx. The levee was sampled as a clean stockpile in accordance with the Engineering Design Report (EDR; May 2006) and Sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP; Appendix G of the EDR). Approximately 400 cy of the 2,700 cy “stockpile” exceeded 35 ppm TPH.
- 6000 feet of rail cars have been staged in Gold Bar; 1000 feet of rail cars can be staged on the railyard at one time.
- A pre-construction meeting with Wilder, Ecology and RETEC will be held at Wilder’s offices on Tuesday, June 20.
- Wilder is hosting a BBQ for the community at the Skykomish ball field, Thursday, June 22 from 5:30 – 7:00 pm.
- The King County sewer review committee will meet on site Thursday, June 22 at 12:45 pm for a hearing re: permit requests for replacement septic systems at the Mackner, Mitchell and Moore houses.
- Additional field activities scheduled for the week of June 19 include:
 - Clearing and grubbing of vegetation on the levee
 - Excavation of levee above the ordinary high water mark (OHWM)
 - Paving of the bypass road and stockpile handling area on the railyard
 - Complete fencing and close off W. River Road
 - Power poles on levee will be removed
 - Skimmer pumps will be removed from recovery wells, product will be pumped out, and wells within the levee zone remediation area will be abandoned

Deviations

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

Schedule

No deviations are anticipated from the schedule in Exhibit E of the Agreed Order.

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Sincerely,

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