



June 23, 2006

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**RE: Weekly Progress Report for Week Ending June 23, 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 23, 2006 and provides:

- A list of activities that have taken place during the week
- A detailed description of any deviations from the Order and project plans
- A 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.
- A pre-construction meeting was held Tuesday, June 20 at Wilder's offices in Everett between Wilder, Ecology, BNSF, RETEC and Town representatives.
- Northwest Archaeological Associates (NWAA) submitted a technical memorandum addressing DAHP and King County comments on the draft Cultural Resources Monitoring & Discovery Plan to RETEC. This plan was forwarded to Ecology and King County, along with a request that Ecology forward it to DAHP.
- Walk through inspections and house preparation for moving was performed by DB Davis. Asbestos abatement of the Teacherage and Moore house is scheduled for the week of June 26 and will be performed by RMCAT.
- Internal review of the annual groundwater monitoring report is in process.
- Paving of the stockpile area on the railyard and the temporary access road through the former Lyderson property was performed by Wilder.

- The revised final Air and Noise Monitoring Plan prepared by Argus Pacific was submitted to Ecology along with a response to Ecology comments on the plan. The weather station was received and set up, daily particulate monitoring was performed by RETEC, and Argus Pacific conducted twice weekly air monitoring for arsenic and lead, and weekly air monitoring for petroleum distillates, diesel exhaust and PAHs in accordance with the final Air and Noise Monitoring Plan. A hand held sound level meter was obtained for use at the site, and we are awaiting receipt of two continuous noise monitoring instruments.
- RETEC received final comments from Ecology on the draft SWPPP in a letter dated June 19. A response to comments and SWPPP revision are in progress.
- A NPDES Discharge Monitoring Plan was prepared. This will be submitted in the same binder as the SWPPP, but as a stand alone document.
- RETEC submitted Wilder's Health & Safety Plan to Ecology.
- Vegetation was cleared from the levee and from the Moore, Mitchell and Mackner properties by Wilder. Relocation of the school memorial and Mitchell water feature was completed by RETEC.
- Verizon completed installation of the bypass line for the School and removed the overhead line along the levee.
- RETEC received one comment from Ecology's TCP via email on June 19 on the draft Water Quality Monitoring Plan (required by Exhibit H.1 Water Quality Certification of the Agreed Order). However, we were informed that Ecology's Water Quality division has additional comments. This plan will be revised and included in the same binder as the SWPPP and other documents required by the NPDES permit, but will remain as a stand alone document.
- Wilder installed frac tanks, carbon vessels and plumbing for the water treatment facility.
- Pumps, skimmers and tanks were removed from the recovery wells. Seven (7) recovery and 16 monitoring wells located within the levee cleanup project area were abandoned.
- Negotiations with the Town were initiated to use the burn dump for storage of clean overburden that will be used as fill.
- RETEC continued discussions with Ecology re: WIFI internet access to their office at the Community Center. Ecology indicated they will use Verizon wireless cell phone cards.
- RETEC prepared and submitted an HPA addendum request to allow Wilder to withdraw water from the river for testing of the water treatment system. Based on discussions with

Ecology, RETEC will also submit a Water Rights permit application to Ecology's Water Resources group to obtain emergency approval to withdraw water from the river. Ecology's Water Quality group also requires a letter to allow discharge of the water since it is not a water source included in the NPDES permit.

- Overburden soil samples collected from the levee were reanalyzed using NWTPHDx without silica gel. The analytical results were submitted to Ecology, however Ecology will not accept the results as "stockpile" samples in accordance with the Engineering Design Report (EDR; May 2006). Therefore, relatively clean overburden soils from the levee will be moved to the railyard stockpile area for characterization in accordance with the EDR (EDR; May 2006) and Sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP; Appendix G of the EDR).
- Wilder hosted 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 held a public hearing on site Thursday, June 22 at 12:45 pm re: permit requests for replacement septic systems at the Mackner, Mitchell and Moore houses.
- Revisions to the O&M Manual are in progress.
- A conference call has been scheduled for 10:00 am Monday, June 26 between Ecology's TCP and WQ representatives, RETEC and Wilder to discuss compliance with the NPDES permit and Exhibit H.1 Water Quality Requirements of the Agreed Order.
- Field activities scheduled for the week of June 26 include:
 - ▶ Complete permitting needed to withdraw and discharge river water; leak test and calibrate water treatment system
 - ▶ Excavation of levee above the ordinary high water mark (OHWM)
 - ▶ Construct containment system for stockpile area using ecology blocks; install sumps
 - ▶ Deliver lime silo and lime for soil stabilization in the stockpile area
 - ▶ Prepare personnel and equipment decontamination stations
 - ▶ Asbestos abatement at Moore house and Teacherage by RMCAT
 - ▶ Air monitoring.

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Deviations

Moving of houses is behind schedule. The Mackner and Mitchell houses are scheduled for moving on July 11. The Teacherage and Moore house are expected to be moved by July 18. Project plans are being modified such that characterization of relatively clean overburden will take place on the railyard rather than at the excavation site where houses are currently located; soils that satisfy the clean up level will be moved to an off-site storage area (i.e., burn dump) pending use as backfill. Also, Wilder's Technical Execution Plan will describe other methods to allow in-river work to progress on an accelerated schedule by use of intermediate cofferdams.

Schedule

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

Sincerely,

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