



June 5, 2006

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**RE: Weekly Progress Report for Week Ending June 2, 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 2, 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 May 30, 2006 to discuss project activities.
- Email comments were received from Charlie Sundberg, Preservation Planner for King County Historic Preservation Program re: the draft Cultural Resources Monitoring & Discovery Plan. A letter from Russell Holter, Project Compliance Reviewer with the State of Washington Department of Archaeology & Historic Preservation (DAHP) was also received with comments on the Cultural Resources Monitoring & Discovery Plan. RETEC provided to Ecology a brief write-up outlining how comments raised by King County and DAHP are being addressed, and where that information is documented. Northwest Archaeological Associates (NWAA) is preparing a treatment plan to document the methods being used to protect historic buildings which will be temporarily relocated in a single document in response to the comments received from King County and DAHP. It is anticipated that we will be able to submit the treatment plan to Ecology by June 9, 2006. However, houses will be prepared and moved once contracting with the

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house mover (D.B. Davis LLC, House Moving and Raising Specialists) has been completed so as not to delay the project schedule.

- Preparation of the annual and previous two quarterly groundwater monitoring reports is in process.
- Contracting of D.B. Davis LLC, House Moving and Raising Specialists is in process. Upon completion, asbestos abatement of the Teacherage and Moore house will be performed, along with pre-move inspection/documentation.
- Contracting between BNSF and Wilder Construction was completed. Wilder submitted their Health and Safety Plan (HASP) to RETEC for review and began mobilization of equipment and materials to the site. A gravel pad was constructed for placement of jobsite trailers. Two trailers were brought on site. During the coming week, Wilder plans to begin installation of rail holding racks on the railyard. Installation will involve drilling 3-foot deep foundation holes and cementing the racks into the ground. Soil generated during the installation will be removed by truck to Rabanco for disposal. Preparation of the water treatment area (clearing and some grading) for installation of the liner and the water treatment system is also scheduled to begin.
- The personal belongings of renters residing in the Mitchell rental house were moved. All five houses are vacant and available for temporary relocation.
- The propane tank at the Mackner house was removed during the week ending May 26.
- A revised Air and Noise Monitoring Plan was submitted to Ecology in electronic format (without appendices). Baseline air sampling was initiated Thursday, June 1 and will be completed Monday, June 5. Perimeter air monitoring is scheduled to begin next week in conjunction with grading activities. Hard copies of the plan, including appendices, will be submitted to Ecology the week of June 5.
- It was confirmed with a member of the Skykomish School Board that summer school will be held at the Masonic Hall rather than at the school.
- The draft Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) and Spill Control Plan were submitted in electronic format to Ecology June 1. Hard copies, along with signed BNSF certification and professional engineer stamped pages will be submitted to Ecology the week ending June 9.
- A written response from Seattle and King County Public Health disapproved applications for replacement septic systems at the Mackner, Mitchell and Moore residences. This is part of the anticipated process to have the septic system designs go to the review board on appeal. Craig Shuck with Seattle-King County Public Health requested specific supplemental information re: monitoring well data and samples of the structural fill and

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stabilization fill. RETEC is compiling monitoring well data, and will inform Mr. Shuck when fill is expected to be on site. Mr. Shuck is preparing the review board applications; RETEC will pay the required application fees on behalf of BNSF.

- Finalizing of the O&M Manual for submittal to Ecology on Monday, June 5 is in progress. The O&M Manual is a requirement under the NPDES permit.
- Surveying of the Railroad Ave. right-of-way is scheduled for week ending June 9.
- Installation of the Verizon conduit is scheduled for Saturday, June 3 so as not to disturb school operations during the week. This work will involve cutting and re-pouring of sidewalks, a manlift to install conduit onto the building, location and crossing of irrigation system lines, location and crossing of a water line, location and crossing of a sewer line, placement of steel plates over the sewer drain line, location and crossing of a fuel line and soil disposal at Rabanco. The work also involves hand digging and/or use of a vacuum truck for digging to ensure that utilities are not damaged.
- Installation of the electrical bypass line has been rescheduled for Wednesday, June 7 instead of Monday, June 5 by Potelco (contractor for Puget Sound Energy). Pacific Industrial Resources will excavate the guy pole hole on Monday as planned. The hole will be protected until Wednesday. The excavated soil will be stored in a small lined and bermed stockpile area constructed by Wilder on the railyard and will be covered pending disposal.
- A meeting was held on Friday, June 2 with the Town's levee design committee, Paul Fuesel of KPG (landscape architect) and Mike Byers (RETEC) to finalize levee design details. Another meeting will be held in two weeks to finalize details.
- A meeting was held on Thursday, June 1 with Wilder, Rabanco, BNSF Operations, Bruce Sheppard (BNSF Environmental Remediation) and Mike Byers (RETEC) to discuss soil shipping needs for the project.
- Well abandonment has been rescheduled for the week of June 19 to allow sufficient time to remove vaults.

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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