



November 13, 2006

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**RE: Weekly Progress Report for Week Ending November 10, 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 November 10, 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

- Soil Handling:
 - All applicable BMPs are being utilized to control non-point source water pollution consistent with WAC 173-201A-510(3) and RCW 90.48.080.
 - One train was loaded with material for transport to the off-site disposal facility. The number of trains was impacted by shut down of the mainline due to adverse weather conditions.
 - Wilder placed material that was stockpiled in the area of the house foundations along the levee to widen/reinforce it in areas where the retaining wall will be installed for additional protection during the flooding.
- Restoration
 - D. B. Davis has been preparing houses for moving. Foundation work was delayed due to the adverse weather and site flooding. The foundation work will be completed after the houses are moved, but are still jacked up.

- Heaters and dehumidifiers were installed in the houses and operated during daytime hours.
- The Verizon design for restoration of telecommunications and joint utility trench is in process.
- Levee retaining wall design is in progress.
- Monitoring
 - Air monitoring equipment was removed from the site. Noise monitoring continued at the school and railyard.
 - In-river work as defined in the Agreed Order was completed on September 15 and in-river water quality monitoring and reporting is no longer required by Exhibit H.1. of the Order. At Ecology request, BNSF continued monitoring for turbidity in accordance with the draft Upland Construction, Excavation, and Grading Water Quality Monitoring Plan submitted to Ecology on October 10, 2006 on a limited basis due to flooding. All applicable BMPs are being utilized to control non-point source water pollution consistent with WAC 173-201A-510(3) and RCW 90.48.080.
 - NPDES discharge and monitoring was discontinued. Equipment was relocated to the railyard. Piping was dismantled and carbon and sand filters were emptied out via vacuum truck.
- Document Preparation and Reporting:
 - BNSF received and commented on Ecology's draft letter amending the Agreed Order with Exhibit J (substantive requirements for discharge of water to the ground surface).
 - Preparation of a mitigation plan for turbidity is in progress.
 - Initiated preparation of DMR for October.
- Dewatering and Water Treatment: Wilder completed setup of the water treatment facility on the railyard. Stormwater that fell on the soil stockpile area was treated and discharged to the railyard ground surface under an emergency basis due to flooding and the need to remove water-sensitive equipment from the area adjacent to the river.
- Meetings and Conference Calls

- Weekly construction meeting in Skykomish between Wilder and RETEC, 10 am Tuesday, November 7 was cancelled due to flooded site conditions and adverse weather.
- Weekly meeting in Skykomish with Ecology and RETEC, 10 am Tuesday, November 7 was cancelled due to flooded site conditions and adverse weather.
- Meeting with Town, PSE & Verizon 10 am Friday, November 10 to discuss easements and locations for pedestals and other structures necessary to restore utilities.

Activities scheduled for the week of November 13 include:

- Continue using all applicable BMPs consistent with WAC 173-201A-510(3) and RCW 90.48.080 to control non-point source water pollution. Continue discussions with Ecology to discontinue water quality monitoring since upland compaction and backfilling work has been completed and water quality is less than 5 NTU above background.
- Obtain Ecology's approval and amended Agreed Order to allow continued treatment and discharge of stormwater to the land surface on the railyard.
- Continue loading and transporting materials off-site for disposal as trains are available.
- Continue design for restoration of utilities. Continue to coordinate with Town on other restoration items including levee retaining wall.
- Prepare and pour foundations.
- Begin work on retaining wall if design has been completed.
- Continue operating heaters and dehumidifiers in the temporarily relocated houses.
- Move houses on November 13 and 15.
- Routine Monitoring
 - Noise
 - Discontinue in-river water quality turbidity monitoring with Ecology approval
 - Initiate monitoring required by draft Exhibit J to the Agreed Order

Deviations

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

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Schedule

Based on discussions with D. B. Davis, we anticipate that the temporarily relocated houses will not be ready for occupancy by December 1, 2006. Currently we anticipate a one to two week delay in this schedule. We also anticipate the need to request an extension of the December 15 deadline for having residents moved back to their houses. We will formally request an extension of the December 1 and 15, 2006 deadlines specified in Exhibit E of the Agreed Order.

Sincerely,

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