



November 20, 2006

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**RE: Weekly Progress Report for Week Ending November 17, 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 17, 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:
 - All applicable BMPs are being used to control non-point source water pollution consistent with WAC 173-201A-510(3) and RCW 90.48.080
 - Trains were received and loaded daily with excavated materials for off-site disposal
- Restoration:
 - D. B. Davis moved all five houses on Monday, November 13. Foundations were poured at the Mackner and Mitchell west houses. Form work for the Teacherage foundation was also performed.
 - Heaters and dehumidifiers were operated in the houses during daytime hours
 - The joint utility trench design was completed

- Levee retaining wall design is in progress
- Monitoring:
 - Noise monitoring continued at the school and railyard
 - Ecology approval to discontinue in-river water quality monitoring was received; monitoring was subsequently discontinued
- Document Preparation and Reporting:
 - Weekly progress report submitted to Ecology on November 13
 - Turbidity mitigation plan submitted to Ecology and Washington Dept. of Fish and Wildlife
 - DMR submitted to Ecology on November 15
- Dewatering and Water Treatment:
 - Stormwater that fell on the soil stockpile area continued to be treated and discharged to the railyard ground surface per draft Exhibit J of the AO
- Meetings and Conference Calls
 - Meeting held between RETEC and Ecology on November 13 to discuss DCAP and future phases of work
 - Weekly construction meeting held in Skykomish between Wilder and RETEC, Tuesday, November 14
 - Weekly meeting, scheduled for November 14, with Ecology in Skykomish was cancelled
 - Meeting held between RETEC, BNSF, Ecology and Town of Skykomish (Clint Stanovsky) on November 16
 - Meeting in Skykomish on November 17 between RETEC, PSE, Verizon, Wilder and Town of Skykomish to discuss final Joint Utility Trench design.

Activities scheduled for the week of November 20 include:

- Obtain Ecology's approval and Amended Agreed Order to allow continued treatment and discharge of stormwater to the land surface on the railyard

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- 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
- Prepare and pour remaining foundations
- Begin work on retaining wall if design has been completed
- Continue operating heaters and dehumidifiers in the temporarily relocated houses
- Move Mackner garage
- Weekly construction meeting in Skykomish between RETEC and Wilder – Tuesday November 21
- Weekly meeting in Skykomish between RETEC and Ecology – Tuesday November 21
- Continue noise monitoring
- Initiate monitoring required by draft Exhibit J to the Agreed Order.

Deviations

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

Schedule

BNSF submitted a letter to Ecology requesting extension of two of the deadlines listed in Exhibit E – Schedule, to the Work Plan. BNSF requested that the December 1 deadline to have houses ready for occupancy be extended to December 9, and that the December 15 deadline to have residents moved back into their houses be extended until December 23.

Sincerely,

The RETEC Group, Inc.



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Daryl Petrarca – AdaPT
David Carson – Bell & Ingram, P.S.
Desiree Gould – Skykomish School Superintendent
Gary West – Skykomish Resident
John Robinson – US Forest Service
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