



November 27, 2006

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**RE: Weekly Progress Report for Week Ending November 24, 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 24, 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:
  - Trains were received and loaded with excavated materials for off-site disposal, however train service was disrupted somewhat due to a derailment in Everett, WA.
- Restoration:
  - Foundations were poured at the Teacherage and Moore house; part of the Mitchell east house foundation was poured.
  - Heaters and dehumidifiers were operated in the houses during daytime hours
  - Levee retaining wall design is in progress
- Monitoring:

- Limited noise monitoring was performed at the school and railyard due to the Thanksgiving holiday and short work week.
- Discharge monitoring of the water treatment system on the railyard was performed in accordance with Exhibit J of the AO.
- Document Preparation and Reporting:
  - Weekly progress report submitted to Ecology on November 20
  - Amendments to the Agreed Order (modified Exhibit E and new Exhibit J) were received from Ecology approving discharge of treated wastewater to the ground surface on the railyard and approving BNSF's schedule extension request.
- Dewatering and Water Treatment:
  - Stormwater that fell on the soil stockpile area continued to be treated and discharged to the railyard ground surface per Exhibit J of the AO
- Meetings and Conference Calls
  - Weekly construction meeting held in Skykomish between Wilder and RETEC, Tuesday, November 21 at 10:00 am
  - Pre-construction meeting between King County (Ken Elliott), Craig Shuck (septic system designer) and Ken Jones (drainfield installer) re: construction of drainfields was held on Tuesday, November 21 at 1:00 pm

Activities scheduled for the week of November 27 include:

- 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
- Pour foundation walls for Mitchell east house
- Begin work on retaining wall if design has been completed
- Continue operating heaters and dehumidifiers in the temporarily relocated houses
- Move Mackner garage
- Construct drainfields
- Construct joint utility trench

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- Weekly construction meeting in Skykomish between RETEC and Wilder – Tuesday November 28
- Continue noise monitoring
- Continue discharge monitoring required by Exhibit J to the Agreed Order
- DCAP discussion meeting, Thursday, November 30 at Ecology's NWRO at 9:30 am

### **Deviations**

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

### **Schedule**

Ecology has approved BNSF's request to extend deadlines listed in Exhibit E of the AO related to returning residents to their houses. The current schedule is to have houses ready for occupancy by December 9 and to have residents moved back into their houses by December 23.

Sincerely,

The RETEC Group, Inc.



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