



November 6, 2006

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**RE: Weekly Progress Report for Week Ending November 3, 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 3, 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.
 - Trains were loaded daily with material for transport to the off-site disposal facility.
- Restoration
 - D. B. Davis has been laying out foundations, excavating foundations and preparing for foundation work.
 - BRH Surveyors notified RETEC of a mistake in the property line survey for the Mitchell property. RETEC worked with the Mitchell's and Town to determine what, if any, impacts this mistake would have in the location of house foundations.

- The Verizon design for restoration of telecommunications and joint utility trench is in process.
- Levee retaining wall design is in progress.
- Monitoring
 - 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 revised Air and Noise Monitoring Plan. Ecology approved discontinuation of air monitoring. Air and Noise Monitoring Reports for weeks 16, 17 and 18 of the levee zone cleanup were submitted to Ecology.
 - 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 two to four times daily and reporting results on a weekly basis in accordance with the draft Upland Construction, Excavation, and Grading Water Quality Monitoring Plan submitted to Ecology on October 10, 2006. 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. Discussions were initiated with Ecology re: discontinuation of water quality monitoring.
 - NPDES discharge monitoring continued.
- Document Preparation and Reporting:
 - Ecology approval of EDR Modification No. 4 was received.
 - Preparation of a mitigation plan for turbidity is in progress.
- Dewatering and Water Treatment: Stormwater that fell on the soil stockpile area was treated. Wilder initiated setup of the water treatment facility on the railyard.
- Meetings and Conference Calls
 - Weekly construction meeting in Skykomish between Wilder and RETEC, 10 am Tuesday, October 31
 - Weekly meeting in Skykomish with Ecology and RETEC, 2 pm Tuesday, October 31

- Meeting with Ecology, BNSF and Town representatives to discuss schedule for overall site cleanup, Thursday November 2 at 9:30 am at Ecology's NWRO
- Meeting between Ecology and BNSF representatives to discuss SEPA requirements for overall site cleanup, Friday November 3 at 9:00 am at Ecology's NWRO

Activities scheduled for the week of November 6 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.
- Continue treatment and discharge of stormwater and maintain existing system adjacent to the river until Ecology approves discharge of treated stormwater to the land surface on the railyard.
- Continue 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.
- Install heaters and dehumidifiers in the temporarily relocated houses. Generators will be operated during daytime hours only.
- Prepare houses for moving. Houses are scheduled to be moved November 13 – 15.
- Routine Monitoring
 - Noise
 - Discontinue in-river water quality turbidity monitoring with Ecology approval
 - NPDES discharge.

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 due to the Mitchell request to relocate their houses and potential delays in obtaining King County approval of the revised septic system design. We will formally request an extension of the December 1, 2006 deadline specified in Exhibit E of the Agreed Order.

Sincerely,

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