

Meeting Team Taku  
Tuesday, 22 August 2006, 1310-1340

Attendees: Therese Deardorff, Cristal Fosbrook, Joseph Malen, Rielle Markey, Cliff Seibel (USAGAK); Michael Harada (C, Env Prog, PARO); Sharon Richmond, (ADEC); Jacques Gusmano (USEPA); Robert Brock, Julie Sharp-Dahl, Larry Phylfe (USACOE AK District Anchorage); Arden Bailey, Bruce Miller (North Wind); John Wentz, John Beier, (USACOE AK District FWA/NAO); Gloria Beckman (Oasis)

Topics of Discussion:

Environmental Cleanup and Investigation (Bob Brock/Arden Bailey):

Since the return to work, North Wind (NW) and their subcontractors have installed eight groundwater monitoring wells, continued PCB borings in the Exclusion Zone and completed all the Exclusion Zone sampling, GPSed the entire fence, and completed soil sampling at Stock Piles 17 and 18. They have also started installing soil vapor ports around the north side of the site. They found PID readings in the hundreds at about 8' BGS. They will install the remainder of the vapor ports in the northern area once WCC completes grading. In the next 7-10 days, NWI will conduct soil sampling in the northwestern quadrant, finish the vapor ports, finish PCB sampling north of the Exclusion Zone, and develop the groundwater monitoring wells and sample. They will also continue work on the eastern side conducting power probe sampling.

WCC Excavation Requirements (John Wentz):

There are no real concerns with environmental. However, as a result of the last work stoppage, WCC is experiencing difficulty obtaining sufficient labor to complete their required work.

Discussion was held on whether a portion of a fence in the southeastern corner can be removed. This would allow easier access for WCC to complete work required to the nearby manholes. This fence also encroaches housing dwelling #4300, and it would be in the best interests of the residents to remove this fence. It was determined, however, there were two stockpiles, 17 and 18, within the fence that do not have sample results returned. NW will attempt to expedite return on these results.

It was agreed by all parties including the regulators that full access to the site must not be compromised by the removal of this fence, including stockpiles 17 and 18. Once the results from the stockpiles has been received, and they are determined clean, the soils can be used as needed elsewhere on the site. The area in question is not within the exclusion zone, but to the southwest of it. Maps

were handed out at the meeting. The COE will work with the contractors to ensure the integrity of the site.

In addition, the sand pile left from the settling pond can be used by WCC as needed throughout the site.

ADEC Concerns:

Sharon Richmond expressed a concern about the metal debris that was found sticking up near Bldg 24. It was determined that this was in the area of the test pit where stacks of shipping tubes were found, and more were anticipated to be left in the ground. It is likely this one surfaced due to the heavy rainfalls experienced the last two weeks. In addition, as WCC completes their grading requirements, additional soils will be brought in to raise the surface, providing additional cover to the site. John Beier stated that OSHA does not have an issue with the procedures we have in place and being exercised when something is found.

EPA Concerns:

The team was reminded that this site has not been "cleared" in the literal sense for UXOs, and it may not ever be. The results of this year's work and review of metal debris and geophysicals will help make additional investigation requirements clearer.

Miscellaneous:

John Wentz stated it is likely WCC will be on site until early 2007 (Jan or Feb), primarily due to the labor shortage.

The environmental team will meet sometime in November to review all the data from the 2006 field season to help determine the next steps in the investigation process.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 29 August 2006, 1300-1400. Therese Deardorff will send out the agenda, host the call, and send out the meeting notes upon completion of the call.