

DRAFT Minutes

RPM Team Taku

23 September 2008

1:00-1:35 PM

Meeting called by Joseph Malen, US Army Garrison-Ft. Wainwright

Objective: To continue frequent communication among RPMs to ensure forward progress on Taku.

Attendees: Joseph Malen, David Beistel (US Army Garrison FWA); Jacques Gusmano (USEPA) Franki Jewel (TechLaw for EPA); Guy Warren, Marti Brewer, Earl Crapps (ADEC); Robert Brock (AK Dist COE), Terry Heikkila, Sarah Belway, Dave Frandsen, Christopher Snyder (Jacobs); Joe King (US Army Environmental Center), Matt Levesque (UXOPro).

Jacobs Work Progress:

Jacobs has completed the intrusive investigation at the Taku site as well as the EM61 geophysical work. Two soil piles containing approximately 1,500 cubic yards of POL contaminated soil have been removed from the DRMO site. One pesticide-contaminated soil pile containing between 1,000 and 1,200 cubic yards remains at the DRMO site and is to be removed in the next couple of weeks. A RFP was issued today for transport and disposal of the pesticide contaminated soil stockpile. All electrical lines have been reconnected at the Taku site and utilities are currently being backfilled. The DDT hotspot at BLD 11 was excavated and 15 supersacks filled with waste soil from excavation activities remain at the site while waiting for waste characterization results. All tar drums have been wrapped and removed from the site.

CH2M Hill Reports:

CH2M Hill is currently developing two technical memos as described below:

1. Summary of the proposed rationale for soil gas/indoor air sampling, proposed groundwater monitoring well locations, and the groundwater sampling approach.
2. Summary and guidance on sampling benzo(a)pyrene contamination in the sound berm within two decision units and proposed additional surface soil characterization throughout the site.

Joe Malen reports:

POL soil from the DRMO site will be transported to OIT for incineration and then transported to the landfill for disposal. Joe will re-send email summarizing disposal of waste at the DRMO site to those concerned.

Document Schedule - Bob Brock reports:

Jacobs is to coordinate with Beth (CRREL) to revise site maps following the conclusion of field work for report. Dave Frandsen is to coordinate the production of DMM/MD map to be complete December 2008 to January 2009. As some DMM is now characterized as MD following detonation, the changes in characterization need to be tracked and documented. It was suggested that all DMM and MD be presented in a table in the report that states initial characterization and final characterization following detonation. Team discussed whether or not figures would become available before the report. Bob said that if they need to come out early, he would receive notice and let the team know.

Revised Tech Memo for Hotspot/QA Investigations (all):

Joe Malen stated that in his earlier discussions with Beth Astley she indicated that she may be able to mold both sets of EM data together to produce final figures. All hotspots have been revisited with the EM, and all remaining anomalies have been located with the Schonstedt and removed.

Additional Data Gaps:

The Jacobs field staff is currently looking through the CH2M Hill Brown report to find potential data gaps.

ADEC Concerns:

ADEC is currently working on a contract to perform Data Review Validation of the 2005 through 2007 data. If all goes well, the 2008 data should be reviewed sometime next year.

EPA Concerns:

EPA asked how the area at BLD 11 was determined to be a hotspot for DDT. Joe M. responded that the CH2M Hill report stated that it was a hotspot and recommended removal of the contaminated soil. The area has been excavated and sampled. EPA also asked for confirmation that ADEC was planning to perform a data quality review.

Final thoughts:

Joe M. stated that the 716th EOD will be arriving on 9/29/08 to detonate remaining MEC. He will send out the most recent DMM report to Guy and Matt. Kudos to the project team.

The call was adjourned.