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To: Mary Queitzsch
Subject: RE: LST-1166 - Status update
Date: 08/18/2010 02:40 PM

Thanks Mary. It sounds like you are making some good progress. On that note, it also sounds like this may be a good time for EPA to take over as the lead agency. We are, of course, always willing to assist as best we can. Any thoughts on that?

V/R,
Matt

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Subject: Re: LST-1166 - Status update
Importance: High

Matt,
Thank you for checking in today on the status of the LST-1166 from EPA's perspective. I am happy to be able to report some modest progress on several fronts which I hope will be helpful to you as you report to Sector Portland.

At this time, it is my understanding, based on an internal meeting that took place last week and on discussions with Jonathan Freedman, EPA's POC for the LST-1166, concerning this response to your inquiry, that the Region believes that any option for the vessel will require help and coordination among other members of the federal family. Help and coordination may include work (labor/in-kind service) and assistance with funding. The goal will be to find the option most protective of human health and the environment given the limitations of available funding, time and the ongoing exposure threat. The continuing deterioration of the vessel in its location on the Columbia River and the vessel's attraction to vandals are significant factors in the timing of available options.

To the best of my knowledge,but subject to revision and/or clarification, Region 10 is working on the following at this time:

- Briefing the Regional Administrator on September 10, 2010, on the vessel and on immediate options for consideration, including the option of contacting the Commander, Navy Region Northwest - Rear Admiral Douglass T. Biesel, to discuss using the LST-1166 as a SINKEX.
- Conducting an engineering evaluation/cost analysis (EECA) to lead to refined cost information and available approaches to answer the questions of (a) what options (including facilities) are available at this time for disposal or scrapping the vessel and (b) what funding is available to implement the options.The EECA would be expected to lead to an Action Memorandum and EPA hopes to work with the federal family to develop and/or implement the EECA, the Action Memorandum and/or both.
- Ongoing coordination and support with and from the USCG. This includes asking the USCG to consider patrols on a regular basis (biweekly or monthly) to check on the status of the vessel's waterline and on whether vandalism has resumed. We would also expect to ask the USCG to standby to assist in towing/supervising the transportation of the vessel when an option has been selected. This may also include asking the USCG to contribute financially toward a selected option as part of the federal family solution.

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions concerning this email. Otherwise, please contact Jonathan Freedman, EPA's POC for the LST-1166.

v/r,
Mary

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Mary,

I think we are beyond the 30 days now so I wanted to get a rundown on where you are at so I can discuss a way forward with Sector Portland. I'm pretty sure that Sector Portland is going to want to send the letter turning this over to you unless there is going to be a resolution near term.

Thanks!
Matt

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