From:	Williams, Jonathan
To:	Zavala, Bernie
Cc:	Sheldrake, Beth; Vilpas, Sirkku
Subject:	FW: More information on the Argonne Proposal
Date:	Tuesday, September 02, 2014 11:31:31 AM

There is still some remaining uncertainty about the planned Sept. 16 FMC site visit by the Argonne national laboratory team of experts. I will keep you posted.

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To: Kelly Wright; susanh@ida.net
Cc: Dave Reisman (dreisman@cinci.rr.com); Jill Grant (jgrant@jillgrantlaw.com); Fiedler, Linda; Fonseca, Silvina; Adam, Michael; Williams, Jonathan
Subject: RE: More information on the Argonne Proposal

Kelly,

I just left you a voicemail with the same info as below.

Thanks again for getting back with us regarding the preferred site visit date being 9/16. **Since EPA HQ won't be talking with you until this Thursday regarding comments on Argonne's proposal, would the Tribes agree that EPA should provide the conditional approval listed below to Argonne right away so that they can finalize their team membership and be positioned to participate on 9/16?** I'm concerned that, if we wait until later this week to give Argonne the go-ahead on the team, we may not be able to pull off a 9/16 site visit.

Please let me know.

Best,

Greg

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From: Gervais, Gregory

Sent: Thursday, August 28, 2014 11:19 PM
To: Kelly Wright; susanh@ida.net
Cc: Dave Reisman (dreisman@cinci.rr.com); Jill Grant (jgrant@jillgrantlaw.com); Fiedler, Linda; Fonseca, Silvina; Adam, Michael; Williams, Jonathan
Subject: RE: More information on the Argonne Proposal

Kelly,

We have not yet finalized the date for the site visit as we need to approve Argonne's team membership, allow them to start reviewing materials, re-verify their availability, and have Region 10 confirm the date with FMC. Additionally, it would be appropriate to allow the Argonne team let us all know what they would like to see during the site visit so we can ensure it's as productive as possible.

If you agree that EPA should give the conditional approvals listed below, we can finalize plans for the site visit concurrent with EPA HQ and the Tribes working through our respective comments in the next week.

Finally, I will review our calendars and identify a time on Thursday of next week that should work for us to talk. I may need to wait until Tuesday as I know we will need to move some other meetings on our end to make it work.

Best,

Greg

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From: Kelly Wright [kwright@sbtribes.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 28, 2014 1:55 PM
To: Gervais, Gregory; susanh@ida.net
Cc: Dave Reisman (dreisman@cinci.rr.com); Jill Grant (jgrant@jillgrantlaw.com); Fiedler, Linda; Fonseca, Silvina; Adam, Michael; Williams, Jonathan
Subject: RE: More information on the Argonne Proposal

Greg, we have already scheduled the week of the 15th for their site visit with it being the 16th and traveling on the 15th and 17th for you guys?
Thursday seems to work for our side. I have some conference calls between 10am to 12pm (MST) so any time after that would be best for me.
Let me know the exact time and looking forward to the call.
Thanks
Kelly

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From: Gervais, Gregory [mailto:Gervais.Gregory@epa.gov]

Sent: Thursday, August 28, 2014 8:05 AM
To: Kelly Wright; susanh@ida.net
Cc: Dave Reisman (dreisman@cinci.rr.com); Jill Grant (jgrant@jillgrantlaw.com); Fiedler, Linda; Fonseca, Silvina; Adam, Michael; Williams, Jonathan
Subject: RE: More information on the Argonne Proposal

Kelly,

I just left you a voicemail with the same information as below.

EPA's HQ team won't be able to talk with you this week after all. I apologize for the delay. We would like to schedule a call between our EPA HQ team and you (no Argonne participation) for the latter part of next week to discuss comments. We will be able to send our comments on Argonne's draft proposal by Wednesday evening. Can you let us know your availability on Thursday and Friday of next week? We'd like to discuss and agree on which comments are relevant to ANL's proposal and which ones are more focused on the Work Order/scope and require discussion between the Tribes and EPA before we mutually agree on whether a Work Order change is appropriate or otherwise how to reconcile the comments. I am hopeful this will be a quick process given how productive our meetings and calls have been so far.

In the meantime, I would like to have Mike Adam of our team provide a conditional approval to Argonne restricted to the following items:

1. Since the Tribes and EPA HQ both accept Argonne's proposed independent expert team membership, EPA would direct ANL to finalize team membership including any admin work ANL must do to 'hire' the two team members who aren't presently ANL employees. They should also complete the conflict of interest clearance process if not already done.
2. EPA would direct ANL's team to begin review of the 20+ referenced documents attached to the Work Order we sent them on 7/2/14.
3. EPA would direct ANL to verify team member availability (i.e., available dates) for the site visit. As I mentioned in my voicemail, with it being 8/28/14 and with updates to the Tribes' representatives and EPA availability, the only week in September that is possible would be 9/15/14. We should also identify available October dates right away so the site visit schedule can be confirmed through EPA Region 10's Jonathan Williams with FMC.

This would allow ANL to move forward with several items that shouldn't be affected by the Tribes' and EPA's comments. EPA is committed to working through the comments with you so we can have ANL provide a revised proposal ASAP and allow them to proceed with the full scope of the effort.
If any or all of these 3 conditional approvals are acceptable to the Tribes, please let me know right away so I can have Mike provide direction to ANL.

I am out of the office through Monday, 9/1/14 but can be reached at 703-603-0690 (desk also rings to my cell) if you'd like to talk.

Best,

Greg

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From: Kelly Wright [kwright@sbtribes.com]
Sent: Tuesday, August 26, 2014 1:41 PM
To: Gervais, Gregory; susanh@ida.net
Cc: Dave Reisman (dreisman@cinci.rr.com); Jill Grant (jgrant@jillgrantlaw.com); Fiedler, Linda; Fonseca, Silvina; Adam, Michael; Williams, Jonathan
Subject: RE: More information on the Argonne Proposal

Greg based on your question on availability, it appears that the following times are not times we can talk:
    Wednesday 12-2 Eastern,
    Thursday 2-3:30 Eastern, and
    Friday any time after 3:00 PM
Any other time seems to be fine from our stands.
Thanks
Kelly

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From: Gervais, Gregory [mailto:Gervais.Gregory@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, August 25, 2014 9:05 AM
To: Kelly Wright; susanh@ida.net
Cc: Dave Reisman (dreisman@cinci.rr.com); Jill Grant (jgrant@jillgrantlaw.com); Fiedler, Linda; Fonseca, Silvina; Adam, Michael; Williams, Jonathan
Subject: RE: More information on the Argonne Proposal

Thank you, Kelly! We are reviewing your comments. EPA HQ will prepare our comments and send them to you soon. I don't think we will have many comments. It may be useful to set up a call to discuss, so that we can ensure all comments are addressed appropriately and quickly. What would be your availability for a conference call, and will your whole team need to participate?

Best,

Greg

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From: Kelly Wright [mailto:kwright@sbtribes.com]
Sent: Friday, August 22, 2014 4:17 PM
To: Gervais, Gregory; susanh@ida.net
Cc: Dave Reisman (dreisman@cinci.rr.com); Jill Grant (jgrant@jillgrantlaw.com); Fiedler, Linda; Fonseca, Silvina; Adam, Michael; Williams, Jonathan
Subject: RE: More information on the Argonne Proposal

Greg, sorry for the delay in getting our comments was checking with the Policy makers so they are aware and agree with it. Please find attached a copy of our comments.
Thanks
Kelly

-----Original Message-----
From: Gervais, Gregory [mailto:Gervais.Gregory@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, August 18, 2014 6:56 AM
To: susanh@ida.net; Kelly Wright
Cc: Dave Reisman (dreisman@cinci.rr.com); Jill Grant (jgrant@jillgrantlaw.com); Fiedler, Linda; Fonseca, Silvina; Adam, Michael; Williams, Jonathan
Subject: RE: More information on the Argonne Proposal

Kelly - Please let me know the status of the Tribes' review of Argonne's proposal, and in particular their proposed independent expert review team. Additionally, please advise on your team's availability for a site visit as we'll need to finalize the day as soon as possible once we've agreed on the Argonne proposal. Thanks!

Susan - Thanks for the update.

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To: Gervais, Gregory
Cc: Dave Reisman (dreisman@cinci.rr.com); Jill Grant (jgrant@jillgrantlaw.com); Kelly Wright (kwright@sbtribes.com); Fiedler, Linda; Fonseca, Silvina; Adam, Michael; Williams, Jonathan
Subject: Re: More information on the Argonne Proposal

Kelly-Greg

I am not available Sept 22-26

Susan

On Aug 6, 2014, at 1:01 PM, "Gervais, Gregory" <Gervais.Gregory@epa.gov> wrote:

> Kelly et. al.,
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> I wanted to find out how your review of Argonne's proposal is coming along, and when you anticipate providing comments or your concurrence with their planned approach. We won't be able to have Mike Adam issue a notice to proceed to Argonne until working out any EPA and Tribes comments, or gaining concurrence. I've left a voicemail with Kelly regarding the same, and hope to hear back from you soon.
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> Finally, I understand that Argonne's team should be available in September for a site visit. I spoke with Jonathan Williams of EPA Region 10, who you know is responsible for coordinating site access etc. with FMC for the independent expert panel site visit. He will verify site visit access and any limitation for the September dates and get back to me soon with any limitations. Once Argonne is issued notice to proceed we can finalize the site visit

date. If your availability for the weeks of 9/8, 9/15 or 9/22 has changed since we talked in June please let me know right away.
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> Many thanks,
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> Greg
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> -----Original Message-----
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> Sent: Wednesday, July 30, 2014 4:34 PM
> To: Dave Reisman (dreisman@cinci.rr.com); Fiedler, Linda; Fonseca,
> Silvina; Gervais, Gregory; Jill Grant (jgrant@jillgrantlaw.com); Kelly
> Wright (kwright@sbtribes.com); susanh@ida.net; Williams, Jonathan
> Subject: More information on the Argonne Proposal
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> So we are all informed the same, Argonne has provided more information on Dr. Jerden, who is proposed for the team. He was mentioned in the accompanying email with the proposal, but not the proposal, but now that is rectified. I have attached two references of his work that Argonne also sent over.
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> There is a Simplot IDR (Independent Design Review/Optimization Review) mentioned in the proposal, as example of experience for some of the team members. I have also attached that document in case not everyone had it.
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> Thanks.
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> Mike
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Quinn, John [mailto:quinnj@anl.gov]
> Sent: Wednesday, July 30, 2014 1:03 PM
> To: Adam, Michael
> Cc: Kimmell, Todd A.; Jerden, James L., Jr.; martinol.anl.gov
> Subject: RE: Response to the work order of 7/1/2014
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> Michael,
> The summary information about Jim Jerden is below. In addition, I added the info to the attached Word file, updating what Lou sent you on July 25.
> John
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> Jim Jerden, PhD, Geochemist, Argonne. Dr. Jerden has expertise in the reactive transport of contaminants and environmental mineralogy. He has over a decade of experience in the characterization and modeling of processes by which radionuclides and other metals are transported into the biosphere. His recent work has focused on the speciation and mineralogy of actinides and phosphorous in the environment.
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Adam, Michael [mailto:Adam.Michael@epa.gov]
> Sent: Wednesday, July 30, 2014 8:40 AM
> To: Martino, Louis E.
> Cc: Quinn, John; Kimmell, Todd A.
> Subject: RE: Response to the work order of 7/1/2014
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> Lou, sorry for repeat. Reply to all, since I know you are out of the office.
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> Can you give me a paragraph about Dr. Jim Jerden, like the others in the proposal, so I can forward?
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> From: Martino, Louis E. [mailto:martinol@anl.gov]
> Sent: Friday, July 25, 2014 3:56 PM
> To: Adam, Michael
> Cc: Quinn, John; Kimmell, Todd A.
> Subject: Response to the work order of 7/1/2014
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> Michael,
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> Attached please find our response to the work order of 7/1/2014 for the performance of an Independent Review of excavation and treatment technologies (ETT) for soils contaminated with elemental phosphorus. The make up of the expert review team has been included in the response. At this time we want to use the efficacy and feasibility review parameters that have been established by the stakeholders. We have included a description of the tasks to be performed, a summary of the relevant manufacturing and waste handling practices at the Operable Unit (OU) and a brief description of elemental phosphorus contamination to be addressed in the review. Also included are the assumptions we will use to guide our work. I want to let you know that we may want to augment the expert review team with Dr. Jim Jerden of Argonne, a geochemist who is an expert in geochemistry with a focus in environmental mineralogy and reaction path modeling.
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> We have prepared a tentative cost proposal for internal review within Argonne. I can provide the cost proposal once EPA and the Tribes are in agreement regarding the tasks to be performed as they are described in the Argonne response.
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