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Good Morning:

I wanted to give the state and local agencies an update on the NFB & HTC Sites. Some of this information is operational specifics that may not make it into a PolRep. I apologize for the length.

NFB

We are almost finished with the excavation of material out of the GNBC office area. We have finished the bulk removal and just performing fine tuning excavation. Next step we will be performing post excavation soil samples to clear the area. We are coordinating with the City of Niagara Code of Enforcement office to take steps in the rebuild of that area.

My management visited the site yesterday and we discussed operations/funding. Without getting into too much details, funding is very limited. Overall and specifically since it is the end of the fiscal year. We anticipate that we will not have an approved budget and another continuing resolution we be in place October 1st. So we will have even less than we should. This is the most expensive removal action in our region. We plan on continuing the outside removal as scheduled until the weather forces us inside the building again.

We have simultaneously been conducting tree removal in the wooded area behind the bowling alley on the west side (between bowling parking lot and hotel parking lot). Once we finish the tree clearing we will begin to excavate the material in that area. We will be placing most of the material in super sacs and staging into Conex Containers.

Having written all that, one of the biggest singular expenses is transport & disposal of the material. We have put out the bid and received the responses. There is a very big cost difference between direct loading to a dump trailer and staging roll offs/roll off transport. It's close to a $2 million difference. With that understanding, we need to go the direct loading route. This will consist of super sac loading and placing into Conex boxes but also staging of non-containerized material within our fenced in staging area. Meaning, when we know our next scheduled load out date, we will start to stage material in a designated area within our fenced in hot zone to maximize the loading and transport. I know the regional representatives have some concerns with this type of staging and public perception. However, I will tell everyone the same thing I told my management. We will not demobilize the site with non-containerized material left in place. For example, our next break will be Thanksgiving. All material that is not in Conex boxes will either be shipped off site or put into super sacs and placed in containers prior to demobilization. As always, if there are any public comments or concerns, refer to one of the EPA On-Scene Coordinators and Mike Basile (Public Affairs Official/copied to email).

Starting next week, I will have support from other regional OSCs. Christopher Jimenez will be overseeing the removal activities next week. In October, Carl Pellegrino will be covering some weeks moving forward through December. Their tours will be a week at a time with my 2-3 week tours in between. They are both copied to this email.

HTC

As described in previous reports, we were requested to perform additional survey assessment work at the residences along Robert Street. The two homes next to the Area 5 residence are the only owners that requested the service. We will be performing the gamma survey in both yards today. Interior gamma surveys will be scheduled at later dates. Further assessment work will only be needed if we obtain elevated gamma readings on the properties. The soil results from the Area 5 residence and Robert Street should be in next week.

Thanks

Regards,

Eric

"We must, indeed, all hang together, or assuredly we shall all hang separately",
Benjamin Franklin

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