To: Rao, Kate[Rao.kate@epa.gov]
Cc: Shari.Ring@cadmusgroup.com[Shari.Ring@cadmusgroup.com]
From: JAMES D WALKER
Sent: Mon 6/19/2017 10:18:21 PM
Subject: RE: Excelsior revised application

Kate,

Thanks for the clarification. The message below was intended for Shari, as you surmised. Sorry for the confusion, but it appears that we are on the same page now. I will talk to Shari and we will get back to you and Nancy about our thoughts on the time and LOE required to complete the enumerated tasks in your previous email.

Thanks,

Jim

From: Rao, Kate
Sent: Monday, June 19, 2017 4:04 PM
To: JAMES D WALKER
Subject: RE: Excelsior revised application

Hi Jim –

I missed the below message but Nancy came to talk to me and I sent a TDM clarification. Hope we are on the same page now. Looks like you just sent the below message to me but it was addressed to Shari.

Please let me know if more clarification is needed.

Thanks. Kate

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From: JAMES D WALKER [mailto:jameswalker5@msn.com]
Sent: Monday, June 19, 2017 1:04 PM
To: Rao, Kate <Rao.kate@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Excelsior revised application

Hi Shari,

The current TDM does not explicitly include the LOE and due dates for reviewing the revised permit application just received, updating the preliminary draft permit, and comparison of UIC permit terms and conditions with the draft APP. It appears that Kate may not be fully informed of the issues remaining to be resolved before the draft permit terms and conditions and appendices can be finalized. I can work with this TDM if EPA will give us guidance on the scope, deliverable due dates, and the LOE required to review the revised application and draft APP and update the draft permit and appendices. I am waiting for a reply from Nancy regarding my request for a call to discuss those matters. My estimate of the calendar time and LOE required to complete those tasks is uncertain at this point.

I will brief you on my discussion with Nancy soon after the call; or do you want to be on the call?

Thanks,

Jim

From: Rao, Kate
Sent: Monday, June 19, 2017 12:57 PM
To: JAMES D WALKER; Rumrill, Nancy
Cc: Shari.Ring@cadmusgroup.com
Subject: RE: Excelsior revised application

Shari/Jim/Nancy –

Below is the current TDM for Excelsior and it appears all needed support is listed. As for hours, let me know how many you anticipate for the app review and permit terms.

Thanks. Kate

Contract No. EP-C-15-022, Workplan Assignment No. 1-90

Updated Technical Direction: Excelsior Gunnison Copper Project Class III UIC Permit Application

R9 Tech Support for Implementation of the UIC Program – Excelsior Mining Company - Class III UIC Permit #R9UIC-AZ1-FY-16-1

Task 4 (Project Technical Reviews) & Task 5 (Consultation) & Task 1.2 (Tech Review Analysis)

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Technical Direction

Technical Review and Draft Permit Technical Terms and Conditions

Task 1.2 (Technical Review Analysis)

Background: Excelsior submitted a UIC area permit application to operate a Class III ISR copper mining facility in Chochise County, AZ. On 3/24/2016, we issued a TDM to Cadmus on 11/2/2017 requesting a technical review of Excelsior's Class III permit application. Cadmus submitted technical review comments on 6/8/2016, 1/18/2017, 4/21/2017. Based on these technical evaluations, EPA sent out technical comments to Excelsior in 10/2016, 2/2017, and lastly on May 10, 2017. Excelsior submitted responses in 12/2016 and 3/29/2017. The revised permit application is expected to include all updated information agreed on by Excelsior in Conference calls and prior responses.

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AE Record of Decision

We are seeking support from Cadmus to complete the aquifer exemption Record of Decision. Contractor should confirm that the proposed Aquifer Exemption for Excelsior Gunnison Copper Project UIC application has the information needed for the Record of Decision. The prior responses have been reviewed by Cadmus, therefore Attachment S and other parts of the application should have the information to draft the Record of Decision. Please note any information that may be subject to change upon receipt of additional information. EPA may obtain/request any additional information from ADEQ or have Cadmus modify Figures in the application to complete the record. See model example provided.

Deliverable:

a) Provide a written draft AE Record of Decision, 5-10 pages. Identify figures from the application to be referenced and any additional information needed for EPA to obtain.

b) Upon consideration of comments from EPA. Revise the Record of Decision to completion.

Ex. 4 - CBI first draft (via email to Kate Rao, Nancy Rumrill and David Albright). If additional time is needed, please let me know.

Kickoff call: Nancy will coordinate the kickoff call to discuss this item with Jim directly.

Ex. 4 - CBI

Draft Permit Technical Terms and Conditions

Based on Excelsior's agreed upon revision of the UIC application, Cadmus will propose and complete the draft technical terms and conditions to be imposed in the draft permit -operational,

monitoring, testing, reporting, etc. for the Proposed Excelsior Gunnison Copper Project. Attached is a draft permit for Florence Copper that can be used as an example to structure the content for the draft Gunnison Copper Project permit. Please put in a place holder or highlight any conditions that may be subject to change upon receipt of the last response and the updated/revised application.

Deliverable: Draft permit technical terms and conditions. Identify information from the application to reference for draft permit appendices.

Ex. 4 - CBI first draft (via email to Kate Rao, Nancy Rumrill and David Albright). If additional time is needed, please let me know.

Kickoff call: Nancy will coordinate the kickoff call to discuss this item with Jim directly.

E Ex. 4 - CBI

Material: Excelsior Gunnison Copper Project UIC permit application and prior responses already provided to Cadmus (Jim Walker). Upon receipt in approximately 2-3 weeks, a complete e-copy and hardcopy of the Excelsior UIC application submittal.

Model Examples: Florence Copper UIC Permit, Aquifer Exemption Record of Decisions

Initial TDM from 11/2016:

Contract No. EP-C-15-022, Workplan Assignment No. 1-90

R9 Tech Support for Implementation of the UIC Program – Excelsior Mining Company - Class III UIC Permit #R9UIC-AZ1-FY-16-1

Task 4 (Project Technical Reviews) & Task 5 (Consultation)

Technical Direction

Background: Excelsior Mining Company (Excelsior) has submitted a UIC area permit application to operate a Class III ISR copper mining facility in Chochise County, AZ.

On 3/24/2016, we issued a TDM requesting a technical review of Excelsior's Class III permit application. Cadmus submitted technical review comments on 6/8/2016 (see attached:

Comments on the Excelsior Mining Arizona Gunnison Copper Project_6-8-2016.docx). EPA utilized these comments to issue the attached Notice of Deficiency on 10/14/2016 to Excelsior. Excelsior has requested a conference call with EPA Region 9 to discuss the NOD.

Under Task 5 (Consultation), the contractor shall make available a staff person to consult, directly with EPA staff and/or on calls with EPA & applicant, on the Excelsior Class III permit application and supporting material.

- ○ Material: Will be sent prior to call or discussed on call.
- ○ Ex. 4 - CBI per call (includes prep time)
- ○ Deliverable: Summary of consultation support -- noted in monthly progress report and if possible, within 5 working days of the conference call, send draft notes to EPA via email.

a. Call scheduled for Tuesday, November 8th from 8:30 am to 11:00 am. Pre-discussion and de-brief discussion may be requested (TBD) and will be organized by Nancy Rumrill as needed.

- Material to review: 6/8/2016 Cadmus comments and 10/14/2016 NOD.
- Ex. 4 - CBI (includes prep and calls)
- Deliverable: written summary of consultation provided on call.

Under Task 4 (Project Technical Review), the contractor shall provide technical review for revised/updated Excelsior Class III permit documentation and supporting material. The contractor shall incorporate any comments from EPA and shall provide a final draft to the EPA WACOR.

- ○ Material: same as under Consultation Task and additional material as provided by the applicant.
- ○ Ex. 4 - CBI per review.
- ○ Deliverable: Prepare written comments in a format agreed upon when tech review is requested.
- ○ Schedule: 1 – 2 weeks for each request unless noted otherwise.

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To: Rumrill, Nancy <Rumrill.Nancy@epa.gov>
Cc: Rao, Kate <Rao.kate@epa.gov>; Shari.Ring@cadmusgroup.com
Subject: RE: Excelsior revised application

HI Nancy,

I received the Excelsior revised permit application today in hard copy and CD versions. Will the TDM be amended for the time required to review the application and update the draft permit in addition to comparison with the draft APP terms and conditions? When would be a good time to discuss the scope of the work with you? I am available today at 1 or 2 pm Pacific time if that works for you.

I received a notice of cancellation of the biweekly conference call with Excelsior last week. Does that apply to the scheduled call for this coming Thursday?

Thanks,

Jim

From: Rumrill, Nancy
Sent: Thursday, June 15, 2017 5:38 PM
To: JAMES D WALKER
Cc: Rao, Kate
Subject: Excelsior revised application

Hi Jim,

The Gunnison revised application is expected to be sent directly to you. Alison Jones will be fedexing to both of us tomorrow. You can start reviewing it when you receive it. I will not be in tomorrow, but I will be in Monday to discuss the work with you.

Thanks, Nancy

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