To: Manzanilla, Enrique[Manzanilla.Enrique@epa.gov]; Quast, Sylvia[Quast.Sylvia@epa.gov]
From: Strauss, Alexis
Sent: Fri 11/24/2017 11:09:42 PM
Subject: Anaconda

Thanks to you both for securing this agreement. Let's plan to meet early the week of Dec 4 to plan for the Dec. 7 meeting with BP/ARC,

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From: Bradley Crowell [mailto:bcrowell@dcnr.nv.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, November 22, 2017 12:15 PM
To: Pam Robinson <probinson@gov.nv.gov>; Strauss, Alexis <Strauss.Alexis@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Anaconda check-in

Alexis – As I'm sure you've heard by now, the team was able to reach consensus on the draft deferral agreement. The plan is now to engage ARC on the new draft the week of Dec. 5. Both sides are optimistic that ARC will be approve of the new draft without significant or substantive revisions. However, if concurrence with ARC cannot be easily or readily achieved, we'll need to discuss how best to engage. Presuming all goes smoothly with ARC, the next step should a concurrent process of moving this up the decision ladder and developing a communications plan in preparation for executing a final agreement. I hope this is consistent with the report out from your team.

I was pleased to join the end of yesterday's working session and find that the group had resolved the remaining differences on DA. Many thanks to Sylvia for her leadership and for the dedication of your superfund team making the trek to Reno to clear this hurdle. I'm confident we'll continue to make steady progress.

Please let us know if you'd like to discuss further next week. Meanwhile, have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday.

Brad

From: Pam Robinson
Sent: Wednesday, November 15, 2017 8:09 PM
To: Strauss, Alexis; Bradley Crowell
Subject: Re: Anaconda check-in

I think we have a good path forward. I'm confident that if the three of us continue to be united, we can help our teams and ARC through the process.

Pam

Sent from my Sprint Samsung Galaxy S® 6 edge.

-------- Original message --------

From: "Strauss, Alexis" <Strauss.Alexis@epa.gov>

Date: 11/15/17 4:11 PM (GMT-08:00)

To: Bradley Crowell <bcrowell@dcnr.nv.gov>

Cc: Pam Robinson <probinson@gov.nv.gov>

Subject: RE: Anaconda check-in

Dear Brad and Pam,

Thanks for your recap of our discussion yesterday. Our teams understand our shared goal regarding the deferral agreement, and are planning to meet Tuesday in Reno. (We are hopeful the highway will be very accommodating after the weekend's storm). This afternoon, I spoke with Bob Genovese regarding our intent to promptly bring the deferral agreement to a final draft. He shared his perspective and concerns regarding various provisions of the deferral agreement, the draft tribal MOUs, and past costs. He is also open to modifying the Interim AOC with Nevada to ensure it will align well with the deferral agreement.

I too am protecting my calendar for the afternoon of Nov. 30 and all day December 1, should I be needed; I'm confident our respective managers and attorneys will reach an agreement. We'll look to possible dates for an Atlantic Richfield meeting to follow, and the communications strategy (which I expect would involve the Governor and the Administrator).

Thanks for your vital engagement on this, it's very rewarding to have EPA and Nevada working so closely together.

Alexis

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From: Bradley Crowell [mailto:bcrowell@dcnr.nv.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, November 15, 2017 10:44 AM
To: Strauss, Alexis <Strauss.Alexis@epa.gov>
Cc: Pam Robinson <probinson@gov.nv.gov>
Subject: RE: Anaconda check-in

Alexis,

Thank you again for the constructive discussion yesterday. As we move forward, we want to confirm the highlights of our conversation and propose a few additional items. First and foremost, Greg and Enrique will convene with their key staff next week with the goal of agreeing on a final draft of the deferral agreement. If this meeting takes place in Carson City, I will be on standby to serve as a sounding board for the group on their proposed draft and/or to help bridge any final unresolved issues. If the meeting takes place in San Francisco, we encourage you to play a similar role. It's critically important that EPA and NDEP get closure on a final draft deferral agreement next week so the timeline doesn't slip into December or beyond. With that in mind, it's imperative that a subsequent meeting with ARC is scheduled to discuss the agreed upon draft. Ideally, this meeting with ARC can happen before the end of November. Meanwhile, the three of us will continue to hold the afternoon of Nov 30 and most of the day on Dec 1 to address one or more of the following: A) finalize the draft deferral agreement with EPA and NDEP if still unresolved; B) meet with ARC to resolve concerns with the final draft agreed to by EPA and NDEP; C) discuss next steps and a rollout plan for EPA formally granting deferral.

Let us know if this proposed plan is accurate and amenable to you. Pam and I are happy to discuss further as needed before, during, or after our teams meet next week.

Best,

Brad

From: Strauss, Alexis [Strauss.Alexis@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, November 13, 2017 11:45 AM
To: Bradley Crowell
Cc: Pam Robinson
Subject: Re: Anaconda check-in

Tuesday at 4 pm, please call me at 415-972-3572.

Thanks

Alexis

On Nov 13, 2017, at 11:37 AM, Bradley Crowell <bcrowell@dcnr.nv.gov> wrote:

Thanks Alexis. How about 4pm tomorrow? Please let us know the best number to reach you. Pam and I will connect and then call you.

From: Strauss, Alexis [Strauss.Alexis@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, November 13, 2017 10:54 AM
To: Bradley Crowell
Cc: Pam Robinson
Subject: RE: Anaconda check-in

Dear Brad and Pam,

Today is completely full but tomorrow and Wednesday are good. Any time tomorrow afternoon? I have a call with Bob Genovese Wednesday, so it would be ideal to speak with both of you tomorrow.
Alexis

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From: Bradley Crowell [mailto:bcrowell@dcnr.nv.gov]
Sent: Monday, November 13, 2017 10:41 AM
To: Strauss, Alexis <Strauss.Alexis@epa.gov>
Cc: Pam Robinson <probinson@gov.nv.gov>
Subject: Anaconda check-in

Alexis - I hope all is well. Pam and I would like to have a quick call with you this week to touch base on Anaconda. If you're available at 1pm today, that works for both of us. If not, we can find time late this afternoon or almost anytime tomorrow.

Thanks,

Brad