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Sent: Mon 7/28/2014 5:06:43 PM
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Hey Kris,

Thanks for the update. Communication down to the doers seems to occur on every site, and this is not the first time here. Thanks for getting it straightened out. As to the asbestos issue I'd have my START guys pull the samples. Under 40 CFR 300.400(e) CERCLA responses are exempt from all Federal, State, and local permitting requirements, and liscensing and certifications fall under that category. I'd play that card and get the samples taken. We should be able to find a NVLAP lab pretty quickly.

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Lime Piles could not be covered due to debris around them.

SO2 readings around south and east perimeter berm running 2-3 ppm. PEL is 5 ppm. Doesn't appear that there is a STEL anymore, but they are planning on anyone in the work zone being in respiratory protection at levels above 0.2 ppm.

Some equipment adjusters are coming tomorrow (Monday) morning, and RR Supply doesn't want to move a lot of things around until they are done. Best estimate now is both fire marshal and adjusters will release around noon.

An issue has come up relating to Asbestos. One part of the burned building (the NW corner) is older than the other parts. They are thinking that there might be an issue there. They are definitely willing to take samples and get them to a lab, but neither Garner or CTEH has a ND certified tech on site. So here is the possible solution, it works for us. Ellie (one of the START contractors) is Colorado asbestos certified, and David (the other START guy) has many years of asbestos esperience, but has let his certification drop. One of the CTEH guys is in the same boat, experience, but certification expired.

So, can these 3 do the sampling on this emergency cleanup site under ND regs? Waiver, exception, what have you, to get the answers they need? Please get back to me with an answer on that.

Plan is to clean that little sliver of the Schlumberger property in the morning, and bring the perimeter fence/berm in to the RR property line.

They have been filling sand supersacks this afternoon, but crane place says no until Monday morning. So Narrows plug will be upgraded then.

There was another flare up about 14:40 today that slowed everyone down until the fire crew cooled it down.

Of the circulation pumps that Paul wanted in the "Little Muddy Relief Channel", 3 are in and operating, only deployment instructions weren't conveyed to the "doers". One pump I saw was pumping away merrily, with the intake and the discharge within about 5 feet of each other. Brought that to Garner's attention after the 16:00 meeting, and the heads just got shaken with a bit of a lopsided smile. Immediate call went out for a whole lot more 2" hose so we can get intake and discharge closer to 100 feet apart. Tried to think it through, and it was finally decided to put the intake about 100 feet away from the bubbler and the discharge at the bubbler. If that is the wrong way around, let me know.

One of the best pieces of news today was that RR Supply send one of the warehouse workers over and he was able to "place" most of the inventory within the burn photo. There were a lot of happy faces when that was done. I will get a photo of that in the morning. For future incidents, we definitely want to make that effort.

There was a quite a bit of discussion of how to best go about getting the steel and such away from the chemical areas, and how to go about separating the now empty containers from those that still have chem. in them. A lot of thinking on that is going to go on tonight and tomorrow morning.

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