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Subject: RE: ACTION NEEDED by COB 9/17! SF DDs need to answer these questions for upcoming FY 16 Remedial OMB Program Hearing

So we did lose 4? Is that inconsistent with the numbers you provided late yesterday?

From: Leclerc, Russell
Sent: Thursday, September 18, 2014 6:56 AM
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Victor/Rebecca, Holmes, Robles and one MT RPM?

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Take a look. The numbers FY 13 -14 seem wrong from what Russ provided. Did we lose 4 RPMs FY 13 -14 or not? Also look at the impacts and weigh in. In Denver we moved off of nonNPL and in MOO the had to move off of NPL work. I will send this tomorrow after you have reviewed and revised if necessary.

All – In response we offer the following. This response is predicated on the following notes. (Different assumptions would require more analysis than the timeframe allowed for this exercise. The precision of any further analysis may not benefit the result.)

Notes:

- The RPM count includes individuals assigned to RPM position descriptions and excludes Team Leads and other FTE charging to the Remedial PRC that include support (technical and administrative), legal and management duties.
- The sites include all final, proposed, deleted, fund lead, enforcement lead and Federal Facility sites.

FTE Reductions: Please provide an assessment of the impact of the additional FTE reductions in the Superfund Remedial program including, but not limited to, the following:

a. The number of Remedial Project Managers in FY 2014, FY 2015, and FY 2016;

FY 13 – 35 RPMs, 94 sites; FY 14 31 RPMs, 91 sites; FY 15 30 RPMs, 93 sites; FY 16 28 RPMs, 95 sites

b. The average number of sites assigned to each RPM in FY 2014, FY 2015, and FY 2016;

The average number of sites assigned to each RPM is approximately 2.63 in FY 13, 2.94 in FY 14, 3.1 in FY 15 and 3.4 in FY 16.

c. The impact of the FTE reduction on RPM workload and support.

The impact of the FTE reductions has been a significant increase in RPM workload due to increased site work and reduced support clerical, technical resources, community involvement

support, procurement support, administrative support). The 7.1 FTE reduction from FY2013 to FY2014 caused the following impacts for Region 8:

Since FY13, Region 8 is operating with 4 fewer Remedial Project Managers, 2 fewer Community Involvement Coordinators, and 1 fewer clerical/support staff position. Region 8 has discontinued working on non NPL caliber sites (mixed ownership, MMRP). The RI/FS for the West Side Soils Operable Unit at the Silver Bow Creek/Butte Area Superfund Site has been delayed indefinitely due to the lack of available staff. Region 8 has reduced its oversight of state-lead cleanups at the Streamside Tailings Operable Unit of the Silver Bow Creek/Butte Area Superfund Site ($80 million) and the Montana Pole site ($50 million). Region 8 currently has sites/operable units without a Remedial Project Manager assigned, including the state-lead Clark Fork River Operable Unit ($100 million), the EPA-lead Milltown Reservoir Sediments Operable Unit, and state-lead Burlington Northern Livingston Shop Complex proposed NPL site. Further reductions in FTE could significantly impact workload in Region 8 along with the potential addition of two additional sites to the National Priorities List, including the Smurfit-Stone Mill (currently proposed) and Columbia Falls Aluminum sites.

Region 8 anticipates losing 1 RPM in FY 15.

Region 8 anticipates losing 2 RPMs in FY 16.