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Subject: Weekly Report of Partnerships, Land Revitalization & Cleanup Branch for the Week of 02/17/2017

Highlights of Past Week

Western Navajo meetings: Next week Remedial Project Managers Amanda Pease and Estrella Armijo will travel to Western Navajo Nation for a series of meetings with community members and local officials. The team will be joined by Navajo Nation EPA, and will brief Cameron, Coalmine Canyon, and Bodaway/Gap Chapter officials, as well as the Cameron Community Land Use Planning Committee. The team will also meet with Cameron residents on next steps for demolition of 2 structures. (Contact: Amanda Pease, x2-3068)

Hunters Point Naval Shipyard Community workshop and meeting (San Francisco, CA): On February 8 the U.S. Navy and regulators conducted an open house poster session on the Tetra Tech radiation falsification issue. Multi-agency staff shared information about radiation sources, data review, future re-sampling, and protecting public health. The San Francisco Chronicle and NBC news covered the topic. Over two hundred people attended, including activists from Greenaction, base tenants, and new homeowners. On Wednesday, February 15, 2017, Bayview Hunters Point EJ Task Force meeting discussed the City of San Francisco's complaint system, concerns about toxics at the future Golden State warrior stadium, and cleanup at the Hunters Point Naval Shipyard. (Contact: Jackie Lane x2-3236 and Lily Lee x7-4187)

Navajo Phase 1 Trust meetings: EPA will meet with the Phase 1 Trustee, Navajo Superfund and AML on February 15-16 regarding the Trustee's progress to conduct removal site assessments at 16 priority mines. The team will review technical data from field work last year. (Contact: Linda Reeves, x2-3445)

Freeport Consent Decree: EPA, Freeport and Navajo Nation met on February 14 to discuss priorities for first 3 years of implementation of the consent decree. The first component of work includes 10 priority mines and 20 other mines located in the Cove and Tse Tah geographic areas. (Contact: Linda Reeves, x2-3445)

Significant Items for Next Week

Press Stories, Significant Policy, Regulatory, or Legal Actions (2-3 Weeks Out)

Grant Announcements

Legislative Engagement

Travel, Public/National Meetings, and Speaking Engagement for Division Director

30-60 Day Outlook

Lead Smelter IG Closeout Report Scheduled for Release March 31 - EPA's final response to the OIG's recommendations will be released on March 31. The report will detail EPA's actions taken to assess potential release from historic "Ghost Smelters" listed by researcher William Eckels and featured in the 2012 USA Today series of articles, videos, and maps. USA Today Article: http://usatoday30.usatoday.com/news/nation/smelting-lead-contamination/
New recommendations from the report may include: 1) continue exploring cost effective methods to associate contamination to sources; 2) improve public access to EPA information on non-NPL sites with lead contamination; 3) ensure site assessment and removal data collected on sites is promptly provided to the appropriate cleanup program; 4) update and post EPA's Preliminary Assessment petition Guidance on the Superfund web site; and 5) evaluate establishing a benchmark for lead in soil for use in applying the HRS model. Region 9 has been directly involved in the Smelter Strategy workgroup and has reviewed and provided comments on earlier versions of the draft response. The IG Report can be found at: https://www.epa.gov/office-inspector-general/report-epa-has-made-progress-assessing-historical-lead-smelter-sites-needs .
(Contact: Sharon Murray, 7-4250)

Brownfields to Transit-Oriented, Affordable Housing (Emeryville, CA): The City of Emeryville leveraged a $200,000 EPA Brownfields Cleanup grant to pave the way for $60 million in redevelopment of new, affordable housing on the Emeryville-Oakland border. This former auto repair and machine shop site will become 86 affordable housing units, as well as 7,000 square feet of commercial space. This project is designed with sustainability in the forefront. Located close to transit, residents will get free transit passes, access to on-site car-share services, bike parking, use of solar photovoltaics and a community garden. One hundred and ten cubic yards of contaminated soil were removed from the site. The city partnered with the local workforce development organization, and EPA grant recipient, Cypress Mandela Training Center, to support hiring of local, disadvantaged adults in the cleanup of the property. Construction is slated to begin in spring 2017.
(Contact: Nova Blazej, 2-3846)

BEFORE: Auto Repair and Machine Shops AFTER: Mixed-use Affordable Housing and Commercial Development

Other Information

Internal to Region 9

Internal to Division

DTSC/EPA PASI Work Planning Meeting Scheduled March 22 in Sacramento: Delivering on one of the three commitments made during the Kaizen session in November to meet in person more frequently, EPA and DTSC scheduled the second of two meetings for PA/SI screeners, managers, and EPA Liaisons. The meeting agenda will focus planning for the 2018 grant cycle and looking forward to a longer term plan for PA/SI in the State. (Contact: Sharon Murray, x7-4250).

Response to Lead Site Inquiry about LA County: Sharon Murray completed her response to Keith Takata about ongoing and completed lead site work in LA County. Mr. Takata will be providing a report to LA County Department of Health recommending that the county monitor DTSC work on the Atlas Iron and Metal site (near Jordan High School), as well as two Gardena sites currently being screened by DTSC under the PASI Cooperative Agreement (Contact: Sharon Murray x7-4250)

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