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Sent: 3/21/2016 3:05:19 PM
To: Herrera, Angeles [Herrera.Angeles@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Weekly Report of Federal Facilities & Site Cleanup Branch/Immediate Office for the Week of 03/18/2016

Thanks Angeles. Do you know of any other non-FF decision documents planned for this FY?
Thanks!
Christine

From: Herrera, Angeles
Sent: Monday, March 21, 2016 11:04 AM
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Subject: Re: Weekly Report of Federal Facilities & Site Cleanup Branch/Immediate Office for the Week of 03/18/2016

Thanks for the reminder. Hassayampa isn't a FF and should go to HQ for review. I'm ccing the RPM and section chief to make sure that occurs if it hasn't.

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 21, 2016, at 4:35 AM, Poore, Christine <Poore.Christine@epa.gov> wrote:

> Hi Angeles,
> Is Hassayampa a FF? I'm asking because I see that it an ESD for this site is scheduled to be completed soon and if it's not a FF, the ESD should come in for HQ review.
> Thanks!
> Christine
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Highlights of Past Week

Hunters Point:
Last week, NBC news featured a former Tetra Tech EC Navy contract employee at the Hunters Point Naval Shipyard Superfund site who "claims supervisors ordered him to hide radiation." He stated that he was told to replace potentially contaminated soil samples with clean ones, hide potentially contaminated soil into open trenches, and falsify records. Since 2012, the Navy discovered questionable Tetra Tech EC practices, some related to these claims. The company has redone work. EPA and other agencies have reviewed that new work to ensure protectiveness. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission, which oversees Tetra Tech EC's license for radiation cleanup, issued the company a Letter of Apparent Violation last month and is considering escalated enforcement action. The Navy and several other agencies are also investigating the allegations that are new. Region 9's press office has prepared a desk statement in case of public inquiries. The article is at this link: http://www.nbcbayarea.com/investigations/Former-Hunters-Point-Worker-Claims-Supervisors-Ordered-Him-to-Hide-Radiation-371723561.html. (Lily Lee 7-4187, Jackie Lane 2-3236)

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

Cyprus Tohono Mine Site: A conference call is planned for October 18 with the Tohono O'odham Nation's Water Resources Department and EPA's technical team. The purpose of the call will be to discuss how to relay to the CTC the Nation's latest round of comments submitted on March 14 on the resistivity studies, prior to the next model sub-team call scheduled for April 7. The next technical meeting with the CTC, Nation, BLM and BIA is tentatively planned for June 15. (Contact: Andria Benner, x2-3189)

Other Information

Internal to Region 9

Internal to Division

Hassayampa: A final revision of the draft Explanation of Significant Difference (ESD) #2 to update the soil vapor performance standards (SVPSs) is being prepared to incorporate ORC's comments. ADEQ's comments are expected by the end of this week. The goal is to route the ESD for Superfund management review and signature the last week in March. A $15K MSCA funding increase to ADEQ through June 2016 is still processing through R9 Grants. A technical meeting is being planned with the HSC, ADEQ, EPA and the Corps in Phoenix on May 18. Separately, a Reclassification Memo for transferring $850K from the Hassayampa Special Account has been prepared for HQ review. (Contact: Andira Benner, x2-3189)

Apache: On March 8, as agreed to in the March 4 conference call between EPA and ANPI management, ANPI submitted a revised Waste Characterization Sampling and Analysis (SAP) for the demolition waste materials on the Benson private property. The field work is scheduled to start March 21. EPA's comments on the Confirmatory Soils SAP will be sent to ANPI at the end of the week. A $75K funding increase for ADEQ's MSCA grant is still being processed. Separately, EPA received two notifications regarding operations and recent staff reductions at the ANPI facility. One was received from a local neighbor/citizen inquiring about ANPI allegedly firing its emergency response personnel and his concerns about potential risks if there was an incident at the facility. The second notification was received by e-mail via ADEQ from a current ANPI employee about receiving information from former, ANPI employees that wastes were mismanaged and improperly disposed of off-site. (Contact: Andria Benner, x2-3189)

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