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When it rains, it pours.....

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Subject: Cats already out of the bag ...(Williams)

Angeles

It was just this Wednesday morning when I was discussing Amec's enhanced bioremediation workplan with ADEQ and my technical consultants and we were coming to the conclusion that we could not support the workplan as proposed and beginning to discuss if we should pursue a stop work order as Amec had been proceeding at a pace much faster than we could even provide comments. Around noon, I got an email reminder to put something in the weekly report. With Loren on vacation in the Mediterranean I was thinking it would take me weeks to elevate this issue to the point where we could take action on a stop work order, so I made an entry in the weekly report to give you and Enrique a heads up that this might be coming. That weekly item was forwarded all the way to HQ. Yesterday someone in HQ was meeting with their Pentagon counterparts and provided notice to the Pentagon that we were thinking about issuing a stop work order over the arsenic issue, and that information made its way all the way back down to our BEC. Cathy called me yesterday at 4 pm and we had a good discussion, in which I summarized all of our concerns; I asked her to let Amec know as soon as possible because at the pace they are working I was worried they may have already purchased and moved 1000 tons of sodium sulfate to the site that they might not be able to return. I think Cathy now understands that we need to take a step back, fully characterize the site, and have an honest conversation about what makes sense to do next. At this point even going forward with the stop work order may be unnecessary, as the entire Pentagon knows that we are displeased.

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"Because a waste is a terrible thing to mind..."

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