Message

From: Hingsberger, Thomas J CIV USARMY CEMVP (US) [thomas.j.hingsberger@usace.army.mil]
Sent: 8/17/2017 5:25:29 PM
To: Weaver, Kerryann [weaver.kerryann@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: 2014-01247-TJH - 401 Certification for US Steel Corp. Dark River Seepage Collection System

A preliminary JD was requested and that would be included in the authorization, which has not gone out yet.

Tom

-----Original Message-----
From: Weaver, Kerryann [mailto:weaver.kerryann@epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, August 17, 2017 11:11 AM
To: Hingsberger, Thomas J CIV USARMY CEMVP (US) <thomas.j.hingsberger@usace.army.mil>
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] RE: 2014-01247-TJH - 401 Certification for US Steel Corp. Dark River Seepage Collection System

Hi Tom,
Random question - I wouldn't think there would be one but is there a JD for the Dark River? Had an inquiry from someone.
Thanks,
Kerryann

-----Original Message-----
From: Hingsberger, Thomas J CIV USARMY CEMVP (US) [mailto:thomas.j.hingsberger@usace.army.mil]
Sent: Monday, December 12, 2016 4:31 PM
To: Weaver, Kerryann <weaver.kerryann@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: 2014-01247-TJH - 401 Certification for US Steel Corp. Dark River Seepage Collection System

I got the monitoring plan last week and I still need to review that. I think the DNR is awaiting final plans and specs as well.
The monitoring plan is attached.

Tom

-----Original Message-----
From: Weaver, Kerryann [mailto:weaver.kerryann@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, December 12, 2016 1:52 PM
To: Hingsberger, Thomas J CIV USARMY CEMVP (US) <thomas.j.hingsberger@usace.army.mil>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: 2014-01247-TJH - 401 Certification for US Steel Corp. Dark River Seepage Collection System

Tom,
It's been about a month, just wanted to follow up, anything new to report? Can we review the wetland monitoring plan when it becomes available?
Thanks,
Kerryann

-----Original Message-----
From: Weaver, Kerryann
Sent: Tuesday, November 15, 2016 10:44 AM
To: Hingsberger, Thomas J CIV USARMY CEMVP (US) <thomas.j.hingsberger@usace.army.mil>
Subject: RE: 2014-01247-TJH - 401 Certification for US Steel Corp. Dark River Seepage Collection System

Thanks Tom. Please keep me posted.

-----Original Message-----
From: Hingsberger, Thomas J CIV USARMY CEMVP (US) [mailto:thomas.j.hingsberger@usace.army.mil]
Sent: Tuesday, November 15, 2016 10:39 AM
To: Weaver, Kerryann <weaver.kerryann@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: 2014-01247-TJH - 401 Certification for US Steel Corp. Dark River Seepage Collection System

The DNR and Corps are awaiting final plans and specifications from USS for this project and I'm waiting to see if there are any changes.
I've also asked them to prepare and include a wetland monitoring plan.

Tom

-----Original Message-----
From: Weaver, Kerryann [mailto:weaver.kerryann@epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, November 10, 2016 12:59 PM

To: Hingsberger, Thomas J CIV USARMY CEMVP (US) <thomas.j.hingsberger@usace.army.mil>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: 2014-01247-TJH - 401 Certification for US Steel Corp. Dark River Seepage Collection System

Hi Tom,
Just wanted to follow up with you on this. I believe we talked about this in mid-July but just wanted to see if you had new information or just a status update.
Thanks,
Kerryann

-----Original Message-----
From: Weaver, Kerryann
Sent: Wednesday, July 20, 2016 9:06 AM
To: Hingsberger, Thomas J MVP <thomas.j.hingsberger@usace.army.mil>
Subject: FW: 2014-01247-TJH - 401 Certification for US Steel Corp. Dark River Seepage Collection System

FYI

-----Original Message-----
From: Weaver, Kerryann
Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2016 9:29 AM
To: 'Cox, Benjamin R MVP' <Benjamin.R.Cox@usace.army.mil>
Cc: Wendy Melgin <Melgin.Wendy@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: 2014-01247-TJH - 401 Certification for US Steel Corp. Dark River Seepage Collection System

Ben,
Just following up, can you provide us a status update on this project?

Although US Steel has provided responses to our comments, we do not believe our comments have been adequately addressed. They should use existing in-kind bank credits within the watershed of impact and only use the Palisades III bank credits for any remaining balance. That said, since the time of their response, additional in-kind credits may have been released from another bank in the watershed of impact and that should be considered. Further, US Steel has still not provided adequate data which justifies their assertion that the east side of the Minntac Tailings Basin provides significant water quality improvement to downstream surface waters. And they have not indicated whether the required monitoring under the 401 Certification will require monitoring of adjacent wetlands to determine any impacts on hydrology due to the installation of the sheet pilings.
Again, we believe our comments have not been adequately addressed. We hope to hear from you soon.

Thanks,
Kerryann

-----Original Message-----
From: Weaver, Kerryann
Sent: Friday, July 08, 2016 9:37 AM
To: 'Cox, Benjamin R MVP' <Benjamin.R.Cox@usace.army.mil>
Subject: FW: 2014-01247-TJH - 401 Certification for US Steel Corp. Dark River Seepage Collection System

Ben,
Is Tom still in regulatory? Voicemail message sounded like he might have switched positions. Can you update me on the status of this project?
Thanks,
Kerryann

-----Original Message-----
From: Weaver, Kerryann
Sent: Thursday, June 30, 2016 12:12 PM
To: 'Hingsberger, Thomas J MVP' <thomas.j.hingsberger@usace.army.mil>
Cc: Brist, Jim (MPCA) <jim.brist@state.mn.us>
Subject: RE: 2014-01247-TJH - 401 Certification for US Steel Corp. Dark River Seepage Collection System

Tom,
Just an FYI, I am just receiving this now. Your email went to my spam folder. I will review after the holiday and then I would like to follow up with you on the Corps status as it relates to this project.
Thanks,
Kerryann

-----Original Message-----
From: Hingsberger, Thomas J MVP [mailto:thomas.j.hingsberger@usace.army.mil]
Sent: Monday, June 20, 2016 7:41 AM
To: Weaver, Kerryann <weaver.kerryann@epa.gov>
Cc: Allen, Colleen (DNR) <Colleen.Allen@state.mn.us>; 'Brist, Jim (MPCA)' <jim.brist@state.mn.us>
Subject: RE: 2014-01247-TJH - 401 Certification for US Steel Corp. Dark River Seepage Collection System

Kerryann,

Attached are copies of the EPA comments and comment responses from USS.

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