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Subject: DRAFT Notes: OLEM FFRRO FFLC Monthly Conference Call

Below is the FFLC agenda in bold, with notes from last week's call inserted. Please send me any edits by June 2. Thanks. Deb

FFLC CONFERENCE CALL AGENDA

Wednesday, May 20, 2020

2:00 PM to 3:30 PM EST

Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Leader- Region 4, Scribe- Region 2

Roll Call - Beverly Hudson-Stepter, R4; R1, R2, R3, R4, R5, R6, R7, R8, R9, R10, FFRRO, FFEO

FFRRO Update (15 mins)

Updates from meetings with OFAs – DoD – Mary Cooke

- Trying to have more frequent meetings with DOD about every three weeks since COVID
- The goal is to keep up to speed on COVID impacts to the site work
- The conversations are general and at high level general
- If a Region wants an issue addressed FFRRO can add it to the conversation; Just let Doug, Mary or John know
- Most discussions are about plans for reopening; DOD is just starting to work it out

Update on FFRRO Duration project – Greg Gervais

- Durations Project is one of several things FFRRO is doing to foster SF Task Force and to support charge from Peter Wright
- Cleaning up data provides for accuracy; Need to sustain progress in the future
- FFRRO is looking for key items that drive durations (both the good and the bad)
- Working with regions on peeling back the onion at a representative number of sites
- FFRRO's overarching goal is to identify specific items that can be a help at sites
- One tool is a site completion strategy document; similar to the private side plan but crafted for Fed Facs

John

- FFRRO already reached out to Fed Fac leadership and addressed RA completions, reducing the durations by 12%
- Goal is to identify pain points and root causes (e.g. lumping of OUs)
- Learned the following:
  - Partnering and good relationships allow sites to progress more quickly
  - Understanding organizations' (EPA and OFA) goals is helpful
- Regional coordinators will be reaching out to Regions about a site completion strategy (1 site/region)

Other updates (DD Meeting)

- DD virtual meeting happened at the beginning of the month
- The lead region (Region 4) rocks at managing meetings without hiccups
- A good bit of time was spent on RAF
- FFRRO is convening a monthly call for RAF transitioning
- The goal is to foster more communication
- Ben Simes is FFRRO lead with RAF transition
- Fed Fac session during DD meeting discussed disputes in coordination with FFEO
- Next steps will be discussed at the virtual FFLC meeting

2020 National Notable Achievement Awards – Monica McEaddy (10 mins)

Announce 2020 winners

- Time period: Oct 2018 - 2019
- Congrats to the winners and thank you to the FFLC for the number of nominations
- 3 nominations for individual and team; that's an increase over past years
- Winners: Individual - Danny O'Conner (R7); Team - Region 1 Pease AF Treatment Team
- Emi suggested sharing current criteria for feedback; Monica will send it out

Discuss updating nomination criteria

- Opportunity to update award criteria is now; Send ideas to Monica

Discuss potential additional award categories for federal facilities

- Suggestions to process, criteria or new awards should go to Monica by June 5

Introduction of Program Resources Discussion – Greg Gervais (15 mins)

Discussion of EPA oversight and level of effort needed across the regions for the remaining federal facility work

- Toward the end of Feb we had a call to discuss the budget process
- Flat appropriation for the last 5 years after several years of reductions
- Meanwhile cost of labor, rent etc has gone up. The rest has been squeezed (e.g. contracts, travel)
- We are adding 20-40 new OUs/ year; and the OUs that are left are the most challenging
- DOE has received increases in recent years; DOD has also seen additional appropriations;
- EPA has not received a commensurate increase
- Two key things: describe how we expect to do our work over the next several years and understand each other's practices; identify the resource gaps (i.e. what won't get done)
- Probably going to: combination follow up regional discussions on gaps; organize a Round 2 discussion after FFLC (and coordinate with FFEO)

- Greg is willing to put the FFRRO books on the table; is there is an opportunity to be more responsive to the regions?
- Greg commits to this being action oriented - will lead to doing 1 or more specific things to get us in a better place; no promise on the actual outcome
- There was an opportunity over the past few weeks to put a multi-year program project for a special budget proposal
- FFRRO did put together a proposal (PFAS) but it did not get past OLEM; Greg will share it
- Issues with proposal: topic was not familiar to OLEM front office; rationale behind the details was limited; only two from OLEM were sent to OCFO

Virtual June FFLC Agenda – Emy Laija (10 mins)

Review draft agenda B (attached)

- June 9 & 10; 1:00 - 3:00 ET
- Highlights: 2 hours each day; using TEAMS
- Need from Regions:
  - Topics you would like to hear about from OLEM leadership; Request for regions to provide a specific topic or question they would like to hear about from OLEM Leadership. Please submit to Emi by **Thursday, May 21.** (Comments received to date are on the Team FFLC site under "Files" at questions for OLEM Leadership)

Request for Regions to prepare for the June Focused Round Robin discussion on impacts of the pandemic on site work

- Day 1 - Focused Regional Roundtable about COVID effects on Fed Fac Sites

Request for Regions to bring questions on changes to the National Remedy Review Board

- Day 2 - National remedy review board changes; If you have specific sites or questions, be ready for open discussion

Federal Facility RPM Town Hall
June 22 from 11am-1pm through Adobe Connect as part of NARPM webinars
Purpose: allow an opportunity for FF RPMs to have a conversation with FFRRO and OLEM leadership on the federal facilities program, services/resources available to RPMs, and address RPM questions.

- Fed Facs RPM Town Hall - opportunity to engage with Greg; provide information on program
- Working with Federal Facility Forum on this effort
- The NARPM logistics folks are working on the announcement; it's not out yet

ELMS Moment - Region 10 (5 mins)

- Two processes that R10 is working on: 1) records into SEMS; 2) Tracking RAF transition
- Being challenged by a lack of contract officers; need to improve processes
- R9 will be the ELMS moment at the next meeting

Regional Round Table Discussion - All

- R1 - pass
- R2 - pass
- R3 - pass
- R4 - Question: Are federal agencies calling the delays Force Majeure? We are not seeking more information; Send more information to R4; Betsy Lukens (FFEO) said call it an extension for good cause
- R5 - pass
- R6 - pass
- R7 - pass
- R8 - pass
- R9 - Hunters Point Shipyard issue - Redoing work and looking at risk from radiation using EPA calculator. Navy push-back that BPRG values are too conservative, so they proposed using RESRAD; consulting with Stuart Walker and FFRRO on viability of each tool. Looking for examples where BPRG calculator has been successfully used - Reach out to John Chesnutt with examples.
- R10 - pass

(Audio was poor) Send Beverly any other questions to pose to the group. She will forward them to all!

We will switch to Teams for the next call.
Next Call: Wednesday, June 17, 2020, 2 – 3:30 pm (EST)

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All.

Please see attached the agenda for the FFLC conference call tomorrow. Also, please note that Region 10 should be prepared to provide an " ELMS Moment" for this meeting.

Thank you,
Beverly Stepter, LRC

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2020 Monthly Meeting Dates

Date	Note Taker	Lead
Jan. 15	FFRRO	Region 4 is currently the lead region for Superfund and will lead the FFLC calls during their term.
Feb. 19	FFEO	
Mar. 18	Region 1	
Apr. 15	Region 2	
May 20	Region 3	
Jun. 17	Region 4	
Jul. 15	Region 5	
Aug. 19	Region 6	
Sep. 16	Region 7	
Oct. 21	Region 8	
Nov. 18	Region 9	
Dec. 16	Region 10	

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