Message

From: Walker, Stuart [Walker.Stuart@epa.gov]
Sent: 7/23/2020 1:50:36 PM
To: Cooke, Maryt [Cooke.Maryt@epa.gov]; Praskins, Wayne [Praskins.Wayne@epa.gov]
CC: Young, Dianna [Young.Dianna@epa.gov]; Chesnutt, John [Chesnutt.John@epa.gov]; Fitz-James, Schatzi [Fitz-James.Schatzi@epa.gov]; Blocker, Shawn [Blocker.Shawn@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Hunters Point

Wayne is going to send to the Navy, so I think he may want to answer that.

Stuart Walker
Superfund Remedial program National Radiation Expert
Science Policy Branch
Assessment and Remediation Division
Office of Superfund Remediation and Technology Innovation
W (703) 603-8748
C (202) 262-9986

From: Cooke, Maryt <Cooke.Maryt@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, July 23, 2020 8:49 AM
To: Walker, Stuart <Walker.Stuart@epa.gov>; Praskins, Wayne <Praskins.Wayne@epa.gov>
Cc: Young, Dianna <Young.Dianna@epa.gov>; Chesnutt, John <Chesnutt.John@epa.gov>; Fitz-James, Schatzi <Fitz-James.Schatzi@epa.gov>; Blocker, Shawn <Blocker.Shawn@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Hunters Point

Good Morning, All –

Stuart – can we nail this down to an actual date?

Thanks

From: Walker, Stuart <Walker.Stuart@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2020 6:56 PM
To: Cooke, Maryt <Cooke.Maryt@epa.gov>; Praskins, Wayne <Praskins.Wayne@epa.gov>
Cc: Young, Dianna <Young.Dianna@epa.gov>; Chesnutt, John <Chesnutt.John@epa.gov>; Fitz-James, Schatzi <Fitz-James.Schatzi@epa.gov>; Blocker, Shawn <Blocker.Shawn@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Hunters Point

I think we are close to having something to get back to the Navy. Probably next week.

This analysis, which the Navy should have done before making the request to use RESRAD Build, has taken longer than anticipated. The analysis is also providing useful information on comparisons of RESRAD Build and the EPA BPRG/BDCC models to facilitate any future site consultations. I would NOT characterize this as EPA foot dragging.

The delay in the analysis has been partly due to the ACE having additional work due to Covid crises, and partly due to the Navy (not surprisingly) or DOE (surprisingly) not able to answer some of the questions the analysis raised about RESRAD Build. This is probably due to RESRAD Build having no User Guide for risk assessment. The risk assessment portions of the model were added in a 2005 update but the User Guide is from the 2003 version.

Stuart Walker
Superfund Remedial program National Radiation Expert

Science Policy Branch
Assessment and Remediation Division
Office of Superfund Remediation and Technology Innovation
W (703) 603-8748
C (202) 262-9986

From: Cooke, Maryt <Cooke.Maryt@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2020 1:24 PM
To: Praskins, Wayne <Praskins.Wayne@epa.gov>
Cc: Walker, Stuart <Walker.Stuart@epa.gov>; Young, Dianna <Young.Dianna@epa.gov>; Chesnutt, John <Chesnutt.John@epa.gov>; Fitz-James, Schatzi <Fitz-James.Schatzi@epa.gov>; Blocker, Shawn <Blocker.Shawn@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Hunters Point

Thanks, Wayne - - -I was under the impression that this was a done deal and that the comments would have been wrapped up a few weeks ago.

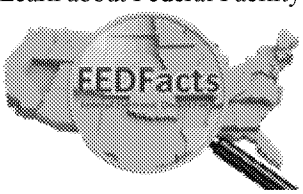
Stuart – we told the Navy that we were going to have comments to them months ago. We need to get a handle on this before the Navy goes to dispute because EPA is dragging its feet. After about 2 years of no resolution I would not be surprised if elevation is being considered.

Thanks,

Mary T. Cooke
Environmental Protection Agency
Office of Land and Emergency Management
Federal Facilities Restoration and Reuse Office – 5106R
William Jefferson Clinton Building
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W.
Washington, DC 20460

Phone: 202-564-0788

Learn about Federal Facility Cleanups in your area:



From: Praskins, Wayne <Praskins.Wayne@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2020 5:21 PM
To: Cooke, Maryt <Cooke.Maryt@epa.gov>
Cc: Walker, Stuart <Walker.Stuart@epa.gov>; Young, Dianna <Young.Dianna@epa.gov>; Chesnutt, John <Chesnutt.John@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Hunters Point

Mary –

That's right that we have been working on a proposal that would make use of both RESRAD and BPRG, contingent on resolving the one remaining technical issue we discussed in our call in June (the basis for the slope factors used by RESRAD BUILD to calculate risk from a contaminated surface). We had asked the Navy in May to explain but they were unable to shed much light on the topic. That technical issue is still unresolved. Nevertheless, I'm working with Stuart and the Army Corps to try to wrap up our technical evaluation one way or another in the next week or so.

Wayne Praskins | Superfund Project Manager
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 9
75 Hawthorne St. (SFD-7-3)
San Francisco, CA 94105
415-972-3181

From: Cooke, Maryt <Cooke.Maryt@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, July 17, 2020 7:02 AM
To: Praskins, Wayne <Praskins.Wayne@epa.gov>
Cc: Walker, Stuart <Walker.Stuart@epa.gov>; Young, Dianna <Young.Dianna@epa.gov>
Subject: Hunters Point

Good Morning, Wayne –

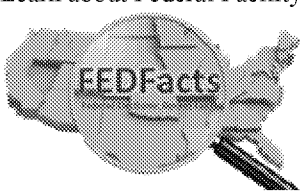
Hope you are hanging in there.

I just received the following from one of our Navy counterparts here in HQ. I thought this was resolved for the most part. Can you please provide an update? What can we do to get this resolved?

Thank you.

"EPA appears conflicted and has stated for over a month they will share the outcome; but still nothing. We hear they want both RESRAD and PRG Calculator to be used but are struggling being able to put that in writing. Still silence although I look forward to a meeting with FFRRRO once we hear from Region IX."

Mary T. Cooke
Environmental Protection Agency
Office of Land and Emergency Management
Federal Facilities Restoration and Reuse Office – 5106R
William Jefferson Clinton Building
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W.
Washington, DC 20460

Phone: 202-564-0788

Learn about Federal Facility Cleanups in your area: