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Subject: RE: Hunters Point

Can we plan for an EPA discussion/briefing on August 12 - - with every intention of getting comments to the Navy by next Friday?

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Agree John...prior to any XMTL to Navy, I'd also like Enrique, Dana (or Sheila while he's on vacation this week) and me to have a discussion and verify we are all comfortable with the message and content. Thanks!

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On Aug 5, 2020, at 3:37 PM, Chesnutt, John <Chesnutt.John@epa.gov> wrote:

I'll defer to others for the dates Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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John

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Which of these is doable or preferable to Region 9?

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Thanks, Stuart.
Stuart and Wayne, How about this Friday, August 7 or Wed, Aug 12 to cross the finish line?

From: Walker, Stuart <Walker.Stuart@epa.gov>
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I doubt it will take me long to either provide comments on any drafts or answer any additional questions, so I will leave that up to Wayne to answer on dates.

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Thank you, both.

I really do appreciate the work you all have done – I know this has been tough. As much nagging you are getting from me – we are getting twice that from higher ups here at EPA but also from the Navy and Undersecretary of Defense's Office. I am trying to keep them from elevating this to the AA or the Congresswoman's Office.

What we need is a definition of "soon". Unfortunately, we have been using that word for several months.

Can we please set a drop dead date?

Thanks.

From: Praskins, Wayne <Praskins.Wayne@epa.gov>
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Mary –

Stuart has done his part so, yes, at the moment, the ball is back in the Region's court.

As I've written before, we are as eager to finish the Hunters Point building evaluation as the Navy is.

I haven't kept close track but suspect we have collectively put hundreds of hours into the evaluation in an attempt to come up with a workable solution. We expect to wrap up the evaluation and respond to the Navy soon.

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It's in Wayne's court.

1. I gave Wayne the info the next day, July 24, which included the second of two BPRG post processing adjustments to BPRG runs, and some draft text that he could work into a response to the Navy.
2. Last week we had a conference call with Wayne, ORNL and ACE in which ORNL explained the post-processing adjustment they had made to the BPRG runs. Earlier that same day Greg did ask me how this was going on the FFRRO/OSRTI coordination call.
3. I think Wayne was on AL the end of last week. But he did send me a question Friday night which I answered when I saw it Sunday night.

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Thanks, Wayne –

Stuart…back in your court.

I was really hoping this would be rectified over the week I was on vacation. I am going to get asked about this on a 10:00 call with DoD and would have loved to tell them that the info we promised them months ago was still not available.

I need an answer ASAP.

Thank you

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Mary –

I would give you a firm date if I could but I don't control the process. Remaining steps are for Stuart and his contractor to provide some last results from their analyses, incorporating the results into an email I plan to send to the Navy, and sending after my management approves.

I am as eager to finish the evaluation as the Navy is. Probably won't happen next week since I'm out Wed-Fri, but hopefully soon thereafter.

I've been communicating the status of our work to my counterparts at the Navy almost weekly so they should generally know where we're at.

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Good Morning, All –

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

Thanks

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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.

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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,

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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.

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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."

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