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Subject: FW: Update - RESRAD vs. PRG calculator

Fyi. Update

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The 1 or 2 Corps people who are looking at this were out pretty much the holiday season. They weren't going to really start into looking at this until this week. I had planned on inquiring about their status late this week.

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Mary –

In mid-December, we concluded that further work by our contractor was unlikely to provide the information needed to adequately understand the differences between the BPRG and RESRAD BUILD Hunters Point simulations, and determine whether the use of RESRAD BUILD at Hunters Point is justified.

But, thanks to Stuart and OSRTI, we've brought in Army Corps of Engineers staff who are familiar with both the PRG and RESRAD calculators to help with the evaluation. (OSRTI has an existing Interagency Agreement that they have allowed us to tap into.) I sent the Corps the Navy's Hunters Point files in mid-December, and am now waiting on their review. I'm not sure how much they accomplished over the holidays. I inquired this morning about their progress and expect to hear back in the next day or two.

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Happy New Year!

Do you have an update as to where we are with this?

Thanks

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Mary – If you mean our Navy counterparts, the answer is yes.

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Perfect. Thanks you.

To clarify – you mentioned that the site folks are up to speed on the status as well, correct?

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Mary -

No real change since my 11/20 email on our review of the Navy's submittal evaluating the HPNS radiological building remediation goals. We are continuing to work with our contractor to understand why the risk estimates generated by two calculators differ, and to determine whether the use of RESRAD BUILD is appropriate at HPNS. We have identified possible reasons for the differences but not yet determined the extent to which they contribute to the difference in the risk estimates, or established a justification for using RESRAD BUILD.

I hope to have more information from our contractor by next week. In the meantime, if the Navy has an issue with the time required for our evaluation, you might note that the Navy made our job harder by not comparing the results from the two calculators or offering any reasons why the RESRAD BUILD calculator is more appropriate for HPNS than the BPRG calculator.

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Good Morning, Gentlemen.

I was hoping you guys had an update on where the region is with the review of the Hunter's Point ResRad/PRG Calculator.

Apparently there is a Navy BRAC leadership team Tuesday Richard Mach is expecting to be questioned regarding any progress being made since our AO meeting at the end of October.

John – thanks for discussing the Navy's SOP of pointing fingers at us last week. I don't want to give them a reason to complain about us to Pelosi's office on this one.

Thanks

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