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Cc: Egan, Robert[egan.robert@epa.gov]
From: Worley, Ray
Sent: Thur 9/24/2015 7:44:44 PM
Subject: RE: ?s About Task Orders For BERS - Region 5

Thank you for the update.

Take care - Ray

From: Kamke, Sherry
Sent: Thursday, September 24, 2015 3:37 PM
To: Worley, Ray
Cc: Egan, Robert
Subject: FW: ?s About Task Orders For BERS - Region 5

Ray,

An update on the BERS Task Orders and their status.

Margaret Guerriero, our Division Director, told me this afternoon that none of Region 5's sites should be considered excepted. Not any of our Superfund removal sites are getting that status either. Therefore, I think all of our sites including Tower Standard should get the "That Category" status.

Sherry

From: Kamke, Sherry
Sent: Thursday, September 24, 2015 9:35 AM
To: Worley, Ray
Cc: Egan, Robert
Subject: RE: ?s About Task Orders For BERS - Region 5

Ray,

Just reading this now after talking with you earlier.

I see Tower Standard as something that is set apart from the rest of our sites. It is the closest thing that we have to an emergency. I would extend the excepted designation to it if we can. If not, we can use the "That Category" and make clear that the field work done there requires our technical direction. Given our history with this case, we can't have the contractor there without our supervision. However, any and all planning and support work that they can do in advance of going out in the field should absolutely go forward.

I believe the other tasks orders should go in the "That Category".

I hope this is clear. Thanks for your explanation this morning. It always helps me to hear things and not just see them.

Take care,

Sherry

From: Worley, Ray
Sent: Thursday, September 24, 2015 8:10 AM
To: Kamke, Sherry
Subject: ?s About Task Orders For BERS - Region 5

Sherry,

As your schedule permits, please call me. I want to talk to you about the option to keep BERS task orders working **IF** there is a government shutdown.

I did talk to Bob for a few minutes this morning. I explained that the following:

•□□□□□□□ OUST plans to fund Tower Standard Task Order 2012 , Amendment #2 by the end of the fiscal year.

•□□□□□□□ The "That Category" – keep BERS going during a shutdown option – see below.

There is a "That Category" (my term – because there is no official term) that allows contracts that are fully funded to continue work until such time the contractor needs technical direction or the task order runs out of money. This is in addition to the "excepted" category which requires a federal person to oversee ongoing contract work to support emergencies. The "That Category" was proposed by HQ's contract group.

We are awaiting any additional guidance from the HQ's contracts group about proceeding with the "That Category" option.

Look forward to talking to you.

Ray

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