To: tbianchini@lowerpassaiccpg.com[tbianchini@lowerpassaiccpg.com]; Ayala, Wanda[Ayala.Wanda@epa.gov]
From: Kluesner, Dave
Sent: Tue 7/23/2013 9:19:26 PM
Subject: RE: Public statement on RM 10.9

I would be cautious and say "early August" rather than be specific with "July 30". That date could slip and then we would have to communicate revised start dates, etc.

From: Tony Bianchini [mailto:tbianchini@lowerpassaiccpg.com]
Sent: Tuesday, July 23, 2013 4:56 PM
To: Ayala, Wanda; Kluesner, Dave
Subject: RE: Public statement on RM 10.9

The Observer newspaper just called with some questions about the RM 10.9 project. Is it okay to release the statement publicly?

Tony Bianchini

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Email: tbianchini@lowerpassaiccpg.com

From: Ayala, Wanda [mailto:Ayala.Wanda@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, July 23, 2013 3:23 PM
To: tbianchini@lowerpassaiccpg.com; Kluesner, Dave
Subject: RE: Public statement on RM 10.9

Tony:

These are Stephanie's changes. As soon as I get the clear (release date), I will get back to you.

From: Tony Bianchini [mailto:tbianchini@lowerpassaiccpg.com]
Sent: Tuesday, July 23, 2013 12:11 PM
To: Ayala, Wanda; Kluesner, Dave
Subject: RE: Public statement on RM 10.9

Wanda and David,

Attached is the statement on RM 10.9 project that we would like to release to the public later this week. We said in the late June public statement that work would begin early this week and would like to update community groups about the minor delay.

Please let us know if you have any comments/edits to the statement. We'll hold on releasing anything until we get your final approval.

Thank you.

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Email: tbianchini@lowerpassaiccpg.com

From: Ayala, Wanda [mailto:Ayala.Wanda@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, July 23, 2013 9:11 AM
To: tbianchini@lowerpassaiccpg.com
Subject: RE: Public statement on RM 10.9

Good Morning Tony:

We've been having lots of system issues also so it's always good to follow up. Please set up the call for 3:00 pm today. Just share the conference line info once it's setup.

Thanks!

From: Tony Bianchini [mailto:tbianchini@lowerpassaiccpg.com]
Sent: Monday, July 22, 2013 4:59 PM
To: Ayala, Wanda
Subject: RE: Public statement on RM 10.9

Hi Wanda,

My email to you bounced back so I wanted to respond again. I'm free tomorrow from 9-12:30 and 3-5 p.m. to discuss communications. I can set up a conference line if you need me to. Jonathan Jaffe will be joining us.

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From: Ayala, Wanda [mailto:Ayala.Wanda@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, July 22, 2013 2:02 PM
To: tbianchini@lowerpassaiccpg.com
Subject: RE: Public statement on RM 10.9

Tony:

Is it possible to have a call with me, you and David (maybe Ray Germann) about external communication and the project to date. Let's try to have the call earlier rather than later this week. Will call you if I don't hear from you by tomorrow morning.

From: Tony Bianchini [mailto:tbianchini@lowerpassaiccpg.com]
Sent: Wednesday, July 17, 2013 2:41 PM
To: Ayala, Wanda
Subject: RE: Public statement on RM 10.9

Wanda,

Thanks for the heads up. We'll look into it.

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From: Ayala, Wanda [mailto:Ayala.Wanda@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2013 12:26 PM
To: tbianchini@lowerpassaiccpg.com
Subject: RE: Public statement on RM 10.9

Hey Tony:

Hope all is well and that things are moving along with the project.

The Wednesday before the holiday, I got a call from a Mike Serbo on behalf of the Lyndhurst Dive Team (?) calling about technical assistance for purchasing some scuba gear. I explained that the government's technical assistance resource is to obtain an expert to help the community understand our actions, the process, etc. and not in the form of any kind of donation(s). After consulting this with David, he told me to let you know since maybe CPG can help out or find a donor of some kind. Can you reach out to Mike, 201-538-3227 and see if there is anything your organization can do for his group. I'd appreciate it because I told him I would look into his request. Sorry a whole week went by but I've been swamped and have so many papers and notes around, I can't make heads or tails of them sometimes.

Stay cool and we should plan to touch base soon. Will reach out to David and Stephanie and give you a call once they update me.

From: Tony Bianchini [mailto:tbianchini@lowerpassaiccpg.com]
Sent: Thursday, June 27, 2013 1:29 PM
To: Ayala, Wanda
Subject: RE: Public statement on RM 10.9

Thank you. Appreciate it.

We'll be updating the dates in the project flyer and sign and will send new versions by you and David when they are ready.

Tony Bianchini

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Email: tbianchini@lowerpassaiccpg.com

From: Ayala, Wanda [mailto:Ayala.Wanda@epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, June 27, 2013 12:45 PM
To: tbianchini@lowerpassaiccpg.com
Subject: RE: Public statement on RM 10.9

We (EPA) contacted the elected officials, mayor, county and the CAG to let them know of the delay. Go ahead and spread the word as outlined in your email.

m: Tony Bianchini [mailto:tbianchini@lowerpassaiccpg.com]
Sent: Thursday, June 27, 2013 12:37 PM
To: Ayala, Wanda
Subject: RE: Public statement on RM 10.9

Thank you. When would you like us to send this out. Were the groups I mentioned in an email before okay or would you like me to supplement the list?

Tony Bianchini

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Email: tbianchini@lowerpassaiccpg.com

From: Ayala, Wanda [mailto:Ayala.Wanda@epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, June 27, 2013 11:50 AM
To: tbianchini@lowerpassaiccpg.com
Subject: RE: Public statement on RM 10.9

It should read like this:

Start of Work on River Mile (RM) 10.9 Project Delayed

The Lower Passaic River Study Area Cooperating Parties Group (CPG), under the supervision of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), is planning to remove approximately 20,000 cubic yards of dredged material from RM 10.9 in Lyndhurst.

Mobilization and implementation of this project will involve the opening of several bridges along the length of the River from RM 10.9 to the Newark Bay.

We have learned that the Bridge Street Bridge running between Newark and Harrison at RM 5.5 is currently not operational. In accordance with the design of the removal action, this bridge, with the smallest river clearance of the bridges crossing the Lower Passaic down river from the RM 10.9 project, must be returned to service before this project can begin. The bridge's two electric motors are undergoing repair and are expected to be returned for re-installation around July 8. The bridge operator estimates that the Bridge Street bridge should be back in service the week of July 22, and we are making the necessary preparations so that dredging can start shortly after the bridge is once again operational We are also developing a contingency plan in the unlikely case that operation of the bridge is delayed significantly beyond the week of July 22.We will keep you updated on the project schedule as more information becomes available.

From: Tony Bianchini [mailto:tbianchini@lowerpassaiccpg.com]
Sent: Thursday, June 27, 2013 9:09 AM
To: Ayala, Wanda
Cc: Kluesner, Dave
Subject: Public statement on RM 10.9

Wanda,

Attached is the draft public statement on RM 10.9. Please have Stephanie review today. After your approval, we plan to send this statement to the Lyndhurst, Bergen Co., state legislators, all of the boat clubs, crew teams, mariners and other Passaic River stakeholders like the CAG. Please let me know when this statement is okay to be released. We will certainly follow EPA's direction on timing and statement content.

Thank you.

Tony Bianchini

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From: Ayala, Wanda [mailto:Ayala.Wanda@epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, June 13, 2013 10:58 AM
To: tbianchini@lowerpassaiccpg.com
Subject: RE: Thank you letter & Monitoring fact sheet

Looks good!

From: Tony Bianchini [mailto:tbianchini@lowerpassaiccpg.com]
Sent: Thursday, June 13, 2013 10:41 AM
To: Ayala, Wanda
Subject: RE: Thank you letter & Monitoring fact sheet

Thanks Wanda. Appreciate it. Hope you are feeling better!

Attached is an updated, designed version of the flyer. Please let me know when it's good to be produced.

Tony Bianchini

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Email: tbianchini@lowerpassaiccpg.com

From: Ayala, Wanda [mailto:Ayala.Wanda@epa.gov]

Sent: Thursday, June 13, 2013 9:51 AM
To: tbianchini@lowerpassaiccpg.com
Subject: RE: Thank you letter & Monitoring fact sheet

Sorry Tony I was out on sick leave for a couple of days. All looks good except that the contact on the fact sheet should be Stephanie and me like in the letter. George Zachos serves kind of like an ombudsman for Superfund that is why we put his name and number on the sign since he comes in kind of like a third party that people can contact if they general concerns or have complaints about the Superfund program (specific issues that were not fully addressed). Stephanie's extension is 3914. Once you finalize the fact sheet, resend it so that I can share with Stephanie and George.

Thanks!

From: Tony Bianchini [mailto:tbianchini@lowerpassaiccpg.com]
Sent: Wednesday, June 12, 2013 11:59 AM
To: Ayala, Wanda
Subject: RE: Thank you letter & Monitoring fact sheet

Hi Wanda,

Would like to try to email out thank you letter today to attendees.

Also did you have any further edits to sign or flyer. Would like to start the production of both tomorrow.

Attached are all three. I've revised the contact information in the flyer to match the sign.

Thanks again.

Tony Bianchini

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Email: tbianchini@lowerpassaiccpg.com

From: Tony Bianchini [mailto:tbianchini@lowerpassaiccpg.com]
Sent: Monday, June 10, 2013 5:00 PM
To: 'Ayala, Wanda'
Subject: RE: Thank you letter & Monitoring fact sheet

Wanda,

Thanks for the sign in sheet. I didn't realize we were not capturing addresses for people, so I will email the thank you letter to attendees when it's finalized. Attached is the updated thank you letter. Can you please insert Stephanie's phone number. (I don't have it.)

Please let me know if you have any further edits to the flyer, thank you letter or sign.

Tony Bianchini

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From: Ayala, Wanda [mailto:Ayala.Wanda@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, June 10, 2013 3:51 PM
To: tbianchini@lowerpassaiccpg.com
Subject: RE: Thank you letter & Monitoring fact sheet

Sorry Tony for not getting back to you sooner. So here is how we would like to proceed, in the thank you letters, you should refer people to Stephanie Vaugh, Remedial Project Manager or me for further information on the project (the same applies to the fact sheet).

On the sign(s) you should list the following:

George H. Zachos

U.S. EPA

Regional Public Liaison

(732) 321-6621

zachos.george@epa.gov

or toll free at (888) 283-7626

Once you make the changes, let me look at them one more time before finalizing the products and once it's all cleared and ready to go, I will share with Stephanie and George to ensure that we're all on the same foot.

Will forward you the sign-in sheet separately. Note that not every signed up because I have only two pages and there were more people at the meeting than reflected on the sheets.

Wanda Ayala

Community Involvement Coordinator

Public Affairs Division

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"If passion drives you, let reason hold the reins"

- - Benjamin Franklin

From: Tony Bianchini [mailto:tbianchini@lowerpassaiccpg.com]
Sent: Monday, June 10, 2013 11:05 AM
To: Ayala, Wanda
Cc: Kluesner, Dave
Subject: RE: Thank you letter & Monitoring fact sheet

Hi Wanda,

Hope you had a nice weekend.

Just wanted to touch base with you on the monitoring fact sheet and thank you letter. Would like to try to send out both early this week.

Also attached are drafts of the project site sign and project flyer that we would place in the Riverside County Park (one facing park and one facing river). After content is approved, we'll design a simple flyer. Please let me know this week if you have edits to either document.

Thanks very much.

Tony Bianchini

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From: Ayala, Wanda [mailto:Ayala.Wanda@epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, June 06, 2013 11:59 AM
To: tbianchini@lowerpassaiccpg.com
Subject: RE: Thank you letter & Monitoring fact sheet

Nice meeting you too Tony. David and I are meeting later today and I'll get back to you with his comments.

In the letter the last paragraph should read:

For further information about the CPG's work at the River Mile 10.9, please contact Ray Germann (his contact information) or EPA Community Involvement Coordinator Wanda Ayala (my contact information). It makes more sense this way since this letter is being sent out under CPG letter head and signature.

Will also forward you the sign-in sheet once it's scanned. Both David and I will be out on furlough tomorrow, so if you don't hear back from us by the end of the day today, I'll touch base with you first thing Monday.

From: Tony Bianchini [mailto:tbianchini@lowerpassaiccpg.com]
Sent: Thursday, June 06, 2013 11:33 AM
To: Kluesner, Dave; Ayala, Wanda
Cc: 'Ray Germann'
Subject: Thank you letter & Monitoring fact sheet

David and Wanda,

Thanks for a great event last night.

As I mentioned last night, attached for your review is the thank you letter that we wanted to send out to meeting attendees as well as a brief fact sheet about the monitoring equipment/buoys that were placed in the River last week. I talked to Peter Willcox from Nereid Boat Club and Ben Delisle from PRRA last night and told them that I would be sending them this fact sheet later this week. I also plan to provide it to the other river users that we've been communicating with. Please let me know if you have changes/additions to either document.

Hope to talk to you soon about the logistics for next month's press conference and the August 1 CAG tour. Happy to help out in any way I can.

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