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Thursday, May 17, 2018 3:15 PM

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Subject:

Boise White Paper (14) - 2018-05-15

Attachments:

NWDCER_14_Revised RAO Table(v3)_CLEAN COPY_20180517.docx; NWDCER0014_DEQ

Response to Office Depot Revised RAOs_20180517.docx

Noelle-

Attached please find a DEQ letter dated May 17, 2018, providing an overview of DEQ's response to the AECOM letter of February 9, 2018, and the revised Table of Remedial Action Objectives (RAOs) for the in-water cleanup at the former Boise White Paper facility in St. Helens.

I think you will find there is agreement on a number of the key concepts in the February 2018 letter by AECOM. While significant edits were made to the RAO table, the revised (3rd draft) version reflects these areas of agreement and an attempt to simplify, as the table and associated notes were getting unwieldy. Overall, my sense is that Office Depot and DEQ have moved closer together on the important issues and the remaining ones can be addressed down the road. DEQ believes there is sufficient agreement to move into the Feasibility Study without further delay.

It got too difficult to simultaneously maintain up-to-date redline and clean versions of the RAO table so I am just attaching the clean version. Also, there is a some formatting weirdness between RAOs 4 and 5 that I could not seem to resolve. My apologies for the inconvenience.

Following review of this information by Office Depot and AECOM, I look forward to discussing these matters further.

Best,
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Subject: Office Depot - St Helens - RE: Update - Status of DEQ Response to Revised RAOs for Boise White Paper (14) -

2018-05-15

Hello Jeff,

Thank you for the heads up and cando. I think it is fair to say that we have all put of thought into this matter, and that we too are hopeful that we can find common ground to allow us to move forward into the FS stage of the project.

Again, my thanks. And, we shall stay tuned . . .

Noelle



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Subject: RE: Update - Status of DEQ Response to Revised RAOs for Boise White Paper (14)

Noelle-

The passage of time reflects being busy to some degree, but also, to the fact that DEQ has put a lot of thought into this matter. In the interests of full disclosure, DEQ is proposing significant changes to the RAO Table. However, it is also agreeing to a number of the major key points raised in the February 2018 AECOM letter. In other areas, DEQ proposes what it considers to be reasonable compromise and/or clarifying language.

I think you will find our respective objectives to be substantially closer and it is DEQ's hope that we can build on this momentum to finally move into the FS stage of the project.

Best,
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Subject: RE: Update - Status of DEQ Response to Revised RAOs for Boise White Paper (14)

Hi Jeff,

Thank you very much for the update and well wishes below. I really did have a wonderful Mother's Day. My boys and own mom could not have made me feel more special. My day started in Asheville, NC, continued in a boat on our lake and ended with a family dinner with my mom as my honored guest. And, you are finally defrosting in Portland! All good things.

Ok, back to business... I do appreciate the update as to the Department's progress. I am hopeful that passage of time is an indicator of lots on your plate and not an indicator of distance between or proposed objectives. In any case, know we look forward to receiving the Department's comments. Please also know that we are in the final stages of preparing the database requested by the Department. Like you, my goal is that get that to you in the next several days.

Again, my thanks for the update.

Sincerely, Noelle

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Subject: Update - Status of DEQ Response to Revised RAOs for Boise White Paper (14)

Hi Noelle-

I hope you are enjoying the transition to summer weather and had a very pleasant Mother's Day. Yesterday and today we have gotten into the upper 80s in the Portland area!

Late last week, Kevin Parrett and I met with the core team members (i.e., project toxicologist and peer) to go over DEQ's response to the table of revised Remedial Action Objectives provided by Office Depot and AECOM (February 2018). We are working out the final technical details at this time. My goal is to submit DEQ's response by the end of this week. I wanted to give you a status update and ensure you this has not been forgotten.

In the meantime, please let me know if you have questions.

Respectfully,

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