

# 2024-08-01\_Gasco OU Check-In Meeting

Meeting Title:	Gasco OU Check-In Meeting
Date/Time:	August 1, 2024 / 10:30 am - 11:30 am
Attendees:	AQ: Halah Voges EE: Rob Ede DEQ: Wes Thomas
Location:	WebEx Meeting

## Meeting Notes:

- AQ notes that their company is no longer an LLC. It is now Anchor QEA, Inc.
- AQ/EE inquire about how DEQ uses ORMS.
  - DEQ provides an overview of our digital records management program/practice.
  - All records from June 2023 forward are stored digitally. Older records are still predominantly maintained in hard copy.
  - All records can be searched using the ORMS search engine. The public can access site documents through the Your DEQ online platform. YDO provides a link to public records of highest interest, based on the PM's preferences. Full records can still be accessed through a public records request process.
  - DEQ does a demonstration to support the discussion.
- IRAM Updates
  - EE notes that the IRAM Decision letter was consistent with DEQ's previous descriptions.
  - EE indicates that the Segment 3 Source Control Evaluation is being developed. EE anticipates that the SCE will be submitted to DEQ in the next few weeks. EE requests DEQ's review of the SCE when it is submitted and emphasizes that it is a priority for NW Natural.
  - DEQ acknowledges that making a decision to extend the ISS barrier wall based on the rationale provided in the SCE is a priority for DEQ. DEQ notes that the decision to extend the wall is an important one. We will review the SCE when it is submitted and follow up with questions or comments. DEQ also notes that it is important for other interested/affected parties to provide feedback on the SCE before we can make a final decision.
- Source Control Status Updates
  - EE notes that DEQ previously periodically published Source Control Updates. NW Natural would be interested in any future updates. EE asks if DEQ plans to publish a Source Control update in the near future.
  - DEQ does not plan to publish additional updates. DEQ envisions that the Sufficiency Assessment Reports prepared during in-water RD parties will document ongoing source control work applicable at the project area scale.
  - DEQ is happy to work with NW Natural to discuss the source control status for upland sites with potential source control pathways to the Gasco project area.
- IRAM Design and Next Steps
  - NW Natural is preparing a deliverable that outlines the technical basis for upland area ISS prisms. The deliverable would include all of the available DNAPL data along with the lines of evidence for including or excluding DNAPL observations from the ISS prisms. NW Natural would like DEQ to review the deliverable in advance of submitting the BODR.
    - DEQ recommends a technical meeting before submitting the deliverable. While NW Natural and DEQ have discussed the lines of evidence in concept, DEQ thinks it will be important to give the DEQ technical team the opportunity to ask questions or provide feedback before we review and formally respond to a deliverable.
  - EE/AQ are in the process of outlining the IRAM design process, deliverables, and the

- information that would be provided in progressive design deliverables. EE/AQ ask how interactive DEQ would like the design process to be. AQ/EE currently envisioning a BODR -> Preliminary Design -> Interim design -> Final design progression, ending in approximately end of 2026.
- DEQ is supportive of interaction between the technical teams throughout the design. The more engagement that we have along the way, the better DEQ can anticipate and understand the information provided at each design stage. DEQ recommends early engagement about data gaps and pre-design investigation scopes. These items will likely have a big impact on the overall critical path. DEQ notes that treatability testing in particular can take a long time to complete, and may control the design progress. If we are on the same page about data gaps and PDI, then it will be easier and faster for DEQ to approve the BODR and for NW Natural to initiate the necessary work.
  - DEQ is always happy to engage proactively with NW Natural. DEQ does not want to confuse our desire to keep the focus on the FS schedule with our openness to meet and engage on technical matters.
- Coordination with Water Quality
    - DEQ (cleanup) has been coordinating with DEQ (water quality) in response to some recent inquiries about potential permit modifications or other agreements (mutual agreement and order in lieu of permit) to allow certain wastewater streams related to either the upland or in-water work to be treated in the GTS or to relocate certain outfalls. DEQ is happy to work with NW Natural and their technical teams on these issues. DEQ (water quality) requests that all future inquiries and correspondence be directed to Tiffany Yelton-Bram. DEQ (cleanup) requests to be copied on the correspondence. It is easier for DEQ to coordinate internally if we are all in the loop.
    - DEQ (water quality) requested that we convey that the process to modify a permit or execute a mutual agreement and order in lieu of permit can take a year or more.