

2025-08-28_Gasco OU Check-In Meeting

Meeting Title:	Gasco OU Check-In Meeting
Date/Time:	August 28, 2025 / 10:30 - 11:10 am
Attendees:	AQ: Halah Voges, Ryan Barth EE: Rob Ede DEQ: Wes Thomas
Location:	MS Teams Meeting

Meeting Notes:

- Upcoming FS Comment Discussion Logistics
 - DEQ, AQ, EE discuss general meeting logistics.
 - EE/AQ indicate that some of the topics may be better to defer to standalone meetings. For example, the modeling discussion, which should include Mike G.
 - DEQ understands that securing availability for different staff to participate in the meeting at different times is difficult, and we agree that deferring some of the topics for a more focused meeting may be advantageous. Provided that we address the disagreement topics, DEQ is happy to be flexible with meeting topics.
 - EE/AQ note that they would like to prioritize discussion of RA scoring approaches. But there may be a benefit to providing some information in the meeting for DEQ to consider and then following up with a separate meeting.
 - DEQ notes that we plan to have light refreshments for the meeting. We will also break for lunch.

- BODR Appendix Comments
 - EE/AQ received DEQ's comments, which were sent earlier this week. EE states that NW Natural's team is working towards revising the comments to address the comments.
 - EE asks about DEQ's comments about sampling frequency in the Data Gaps Work Plan. DEQ's comments compared the differences in sampling frequencies established in the CMMP (1 per 500 cubic yards) and the DGWP (1 per 1,500 cubic yards). EE asks if DEQ regulations establish a firm 1 sample per 500 cubic yards requirement and notes that the proposed 1 sample per 1,500 cubic yards was more than what the disposal facility required.
 - DEQ regulations do not include a firm requirement for 1 sample per 500 cubic yards. However, we do have a site-specific CMMP with a specified sampling frequency and the DGWP did not include any information justifying deviating from the sampling frequency in the CMMP. DEQ also notes that the DGWP was not always clear about the actual sampling frequency with some portions referring to 500-cubic yard 'sub-bins' within the 1,500-cubic yard 'bins'
 - EE acknowledges the confusion. EE/AQ will consider DEQ's feedback in the revisions to the work plan.
 - DEQ notes that the CMMP is geared primarily towards IDW and HC&C system residual waste streams. Since the project is transitioning from those project phases into interim action and remedial action, should NW Natural consider a more holistic revision to the CMMP.
 - EE responds that they were planning to update the CMMP as part of the IRAM design.

- IRAM BODR Review Status
 - DEQ is still reviewing the IRAM BODR.

- Pneumatic Pump Test Plan
 - EE follows up on previous discussions about NW Natural's interest in converting the HC&C system pumps from electric variable drive pumps to pneumatic pumps. EE/AQ are developing a pilot testing work plan to further evaluate use of pneumatic pumps. The plan includes a stepwise approach that begins with one pumping well and then progressively expands the use of pneumatic pumps as more information about performance is available. EE anticipates the plan will be submitted in mid-September.

- HC&C System Annual Report
 - AQ is completing the final review of the 2024 Annual Report and it will be submitted to DEQ shortly.

- Doane Creek SCE
 - AQ is currently reviewing the draft SCE. Once internal review is completed, it will move on to client review. Based on client availability, AQ anticipate a mid-October deliverable date.
 - DEQ notes increased interest in the SCE from external parties and requests that the SCE be submitted as soon as possible.