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Good afternoon all,

Below is a summary of my discussion with WIPP and EPA on Thursday, 5/14.

Thursday morning call with Rick Chavez and Anthony Stone:

We discussed the Tuesday/Thursday WIPP 3pm calls.

I notified them that NMED revised the LANL 10 am call to every other Thursday and update submittal to once a week. I told them that we were thinking of doing the same (after discussing with John on Wednesday) for the WIPP 3pm call. They expressed support for the change.

Rick also mentioned that they were also looking into the possibility of wrapping up the 3pm calls when closure of Panel 7, Room 7 was complete and he expressed the following:

- AO 3 mandated the 3pm call to update NMED on the Isolation Plan activities, isolating potentially dangerous containers.
- Initial closure of Panel 6 and closure of Panel 7, Room 7 was a major part of the isolation plan
- Initial Panel 6 closure activities have been completed
- Closure of P7, R7 intake has been completed
- Closure of P7, R7 exhaust is underway and may be completed by late June
- Completion of P7, R7 closure will fulfill the NMED approved portions of the Isolation Plan
- WIPP is looking into requesting that the 3pm calls be terminated upon completion of P7, R7 closure activities possibly by late June
- WIPP would submit the Panel 6 final closure PMR (bulkheads and 100' ROM salt) to NMED as a class determination, suggesting it be a Class 2 (as previously discussed)
- Dialogue and discussion of Panel 6 final closure would take place during the PMR process

I told Rick I would discuss this with staff and manage and get back to him at a later date.

Discussion on draft Class 2 VOC PMR

- Wednesday, May 06, 2015-WIPP sent latest draft to NMED
- Wednesday, May 27, 2015- pre-submittal meeting with stake holders in Albuquerque, 10am -12noon (WIPP will send out an email soon)
- Thursday, May 28, 2015- pre-submittal meeting with stake holders in Carlsbad
- ~June 15th- plan on submitting Class 2 PMR to NMED
- Public meetings ~ mid-July



Filter mod efficiency pre filters change out will take place on Friday, May 15. No UG entries will take place while the change out occurs.

Thursday afternoon call with Nick Stone from EPA R6:

We talked about the initial closure of Panel 6 and ongoing work for closing Panel 7 Room 7.

He asked if NMED was satisfied with the work so far and I told him that had not heard of any concerns from management or otherwise.

He also informed me that CBFO had talked with him about the higher readings in Station A (pre-HEPA), likely due to increased underground activities and that there were no higher readings at Station B (post HEPA).

Nick mentioned that WIPP also asked him if would have a problem with scaling back the 1pm Tuesday calls or doing away with them all together.

I told him that I too had a brief discussion with WIPP in the morning regarding the 1pm calls and said that at this point we could support a scale back to once every other week (after discussing with John on Wednesday).

Nick agreed and said that he would voice support for the change during the next Tuesday 1pm call. Nick said that it would be important to get updates on the status of both the interim and supplemental ventilation systems at least every other week.

Nick also mentioned that he was interested in being added to the distribution of the Monthly Reports that WIPP submits to NMED.

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