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Sent: Tuesday, March 01, 2016 9:58 AM
To: Allen, Pam, NMENV
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Email with attachments below.

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Sent: Wednesday, January 20, 2016 9:24 AM
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NMED notes in blue.

Three documents have been included for information (DNSFB and two EA reports)
The other two were included in the original notes from CBFO.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

-----Original Message-----

From: Russ Patterson [<mailto:russ.patterson@cbfo.doe.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, January 19, 2016 12:27 PM
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Subject: RE: Information for Regulator/DOE Teleconference

January 19, 2016

The call in number is: 1-866-757-5307
Participant code: 5794706

Below is a summary of activities for today's call. (Please note that activities and dates are subject to change).

* A change-out of the high efficiency and moderate effluent filters is scheduled for January 20 and 21, 2016. Note: to date, all filters replaced have met the criteria for disposal as MLLW as all containers have had less penetrating radiation that that required to characterize as TRU. Therefore all filters are sent to a LLW facility for storage and disposal.



* The IVS ductwork is currently being installed. Tie-in to existing filtration mode ductwork has not yet been completed.

* The SVS fan has been installed in the underground. Additional underground electrical and infrastructure work will be scheduled over the next couple of months. The installed fan is planned to be bump started later this month to verify rotation. As soon as storage cover arrives at the facility, shipment of the spare fan from the vendor will be scheduled.

The SVS was removed from the pre-start list, as stated in the DNFSB monthly report for October, 2015 (dated November 6, 2015). NWP had announced during an October 2015 Readiness Review Workshop that the SVS is not required for resumption of waste emplacement activities, and could be problematic for emergency egress during an underground fire or other event. The latest information that NMED has is that the SVS system will be eliminated from the scope of Readiness Assessments related to Restart. CBFO has not acknowledged a problem with the SVS during the monthly calls but did state that they will look into this further.

Jon Walsh from EPA-HQ-ORIA stated on the call that he was very concerned about “bump starting” the SVS system before ORIA has a complete design in hand and that he would inform his management about the “bump start” and advised CBFO to do the same. There is also a recent report from the DOE Office of Enterprise Assessments (EA) dated November 2015 that raised concerns with NWP’s Engineering and Procurement processes. There is some information on the SVS. The EA report has been attached for information.

* Catchup bolting continues to be a focus in the E-300, W-30, and W-170 drifts. Catchup bolting is complete in the E-140 drift from S-700 to S-3650. The E-300 drift is complete from S-2750 to S-3310. The W-30 drift is complete from S-90 to S-1950 and S-2750 to S-3310. The W-170 drift is complete from N-150 to S-1950, and efforts are underway in W-170 drift from S-3310 to S-3650. Note that catchup bolting is going on at the very south end of the mine. CBFO and NWP were very concerned about mine stability in these areas a few months ago. It seems that workers have been able to get to these area and bolt.

(The following note was not discussed during the call but is included for information) The DOE Office of Enterprise Assessments (EA) issued a report dated October 2015 which raised concerns with NWP’s progress in mine safety; one of the Findings is that NWP does not supply bolting teams with an instrument to measure air quality before entering different areas of the mine. No resolution has yet to be proposed (to NMED’s knowledge). The EA Report has been attached for information.

* The next Quarterly Town Hall Meeting is scheduled, April 7, 2016.

WIPP mentioned that as they transition from Recovery to Restart, the need for the monthly phone calls have served their purpose and WIPP is proposing that they be discontinued. CBFO has stated that they will continue to disseminate important information on an as need basis and that they are always available to answer any questions that might come up.

EPA stated that they did not have a problem with this proposal but that they would check with their managers to see if there were any concerns. NMED will also check with managers to see if there were any concerns with ending the monthly calls.

If you have any questions for this week's call please contact me or George Basabilvazo.



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