

## TLG CONFERENCE CALL SUMMARY

### August 6, 2009

Rebecca Stevens (Chair)  
Ed Moreen  
Terry Harwood  
Rog Hardy  
Brian Spears

Sandra Raskell  
Kenny Hicks  
Randy Connolly  
Jeri DeLange (Note Taker)

This summary provides the salient issues. These notes are intended to capture key topics, conclusions, and next steps and not the nuances of the discussion.

**Agenda Items:** None.

As there were no agenda items, the TLG Chair, Rebecca Stevens, led the group into a round table discussion

#### **Round Table:**

**Ed Moreen** - Reported that: 1) Anne Dailey and Bill Adams (EPA) were out of the office this week; 2) there will be a Repository PFT meeting on August 20 (the day after the BEIPC meeting) at the Idaho Parks & Rec./Fish & Game office in Coeur d'Alene from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; and 3) he will send out an email on how to access the FTP site, so people can look at the Lower Basin tech memos on the ECSM (enhanced conceptual site model).

**Rebecca Stevens** - Said that she is planning to schedule a Lower Basin PFT meeting sometime in September or October.

**Rog Hardy** - Inquired if there will be a comment period when a repository site is selected for the Upper Basin. Moreen answered that there will be.

**Kenny Hicks** - Mentioned that he has been getting a lot of calls regarding the EMF (East Mission Flats) repository site. He is directing callers back to the agencies and also suggesting to people that they need to be at the meetings.

**Rog Hardy** - Asked if anyone knew what was going on in Harrison regarding an annexation request. Terry Harwood answered that he has received a few calls from people about the annexation request to inquire who is liable if the property is contaminated. He has related to them that whoever owns the property is liable under CERCLA, and not the City.

**Terry Harwood** - Reminded everyone about the BEIPC meeting and field trip on August 19. The meeting will be held in the morning from 8:30-11:35 a.m. at the Wallace Inn. Then, the BEIPC will break for lunch; followed by the field trip beginning at 12:35 p.m. There will be two buses for people. The group will visit Sather and Wellman fields in Silverton which are part of a large remedy project costing approximately \$2.2 million. He thinks that people will be pleased with the project, especially as it's quite a large investment in the community. The group will also visit some properties that are being cleaned up with stimulus funding, and then will head out to Pinehurst. There they will look at a CWA project to develop stream channel and drainage

infrastructure to protect property from recontamination and flood impacts.

**Rebecca Stevens** - Inquired about the new manager for the Kellogg office who will be replacing Mark Stromberg. Harwood indicated that Dan Meyer is the new IDEQ Remediation Program Manager (Kellogg) and that people will be able to meet him at the BEIPC meeting and field trip.

**Terry Harwood** - Informed everyone that Andy Mork (IDEQ, Boise) will be at the BEIPC meeting to make a presentation on the Upper Basin repository siting process and to give an update about the “*fill the holes*” concept. Harwood has drafted two legal agreements and a paper on how this process could work, but wants to make sure that people understand there are two different disposal issues: 1) repository site; and 2) “*fill the holes*”.

**Other Discussion:**

TLG members then discussed ideas and concerns related to the “*fill the holes*” concept such as how the process may work, liability issues, etc.

**Terry Harwood** - Gave an update on the EMF process. They have been working on clearing the site and removing stumps where the bridge will be placed. The 300 ton crane to set the bridge will need to sit on shot rock, and the pilings will need to be driven in very tight precision for the structure of the bridge. The repository design calls for 14,000 to 20,000 cubic yards of construction material before the wash facility can be put in as the material has to set for six months. (He thinks that it may be March 2010 before you can go back to complete it). With all of the cleanup work moving forward because of the extra stimulus funding, Harwood stressed the need to have another repository by next summer as otherwise the property remediation work may have to shut down.

**Randy Connolly** - Asked if the pad was just for a transfer station. Harwood said no. He explained that the pad is for the large crane that will be used to build the bridge.

**Terry Harwood** - Commented that they had to cut into the fill for the freeway off-ramp at EMF which is very fine material (i.e. mine tailings) and heavily contaminated. They had to be really careful around the power lines as well.

**Brian Spears** - Nothing to report.

**Randy Connolly** - Nothing to report.

**Sandra Raskell** - Nothing to report.

**Terry Harwood** – Recapped that all of the construction work at EMF is going well; and that the signs are now up along the freeway for EMF.

**Rebecca Stevens** - Asked whether it’s troublesome to have the EMF signs up even though it’s not open yet. Harwood answered that the repository is there and that the ICP waste disposal station is already open. Moreen pointed out that the only people who may dispose of ICP waste

at EMF need to have a Panhandle Health District (PHD) permit, or be authorized government personnel. If there are any unauthorized people dumping waste at the EMF ICP station, they are breaking the law.

**Terry Harwood** - Mentioned that he promised the highway district that he would direct people who are going to EMF away from the Cataldo bridge. He also commented that EPA is working very hard to address the additional issues raised in the OIG report. He said that he appreciates it, and that Angela Chung (EPA) will keep people updated as it's important for people to know.

**Rebecca Stevens** - Questioned why the cleanup program is remediating large fields and other large properties if there is limited capacity at Big Creek, and capacity size is one of the criteria for repository siting.

**Terry Harwood** - Clarified that stimulus funding must be spent. IDEQ chose to do lots of large properties and they are required to spend the stimulus funding in 3 years. Moreen added that they have to spend so much at certain times. Harwood said that IDEQ may have previously skipped over some of the properties, but that they still needed to remediate them.

**Ed Moreen** - Commented that Stevens brought up a good question. Some property owners may have used all their land for yard space, but pastures are based on field parameters. He suggested that it may take a while before a paper is issued as the discussion has been going on for some time now. Stevens said that she understands the priority for the cleanup program focuses on small children and pregnant women. Moreen indicated that priority cleanup work for Osburn, Mullan, and Wallace is almost done, but that some property owners are unreachable.

**Terry Harwood** - Raised the question of how you ever declare a community like Mullan done, if there are still 10 to 15 properties left to be remediated. If IDEQ and EPA cannot find the owner, then we need to figure out a way to find them and get the property tested and cleaned up. Especially if there is a property adjacent to the property that is being cleaned up, as the adjacent property owner will want to protect their kids. Harwood emphasized that the bottom line is that all property in the Upper Basin falls under the ICP regulation, so it's mandatory, not voluntary.

**Rebecca Stevens** - Announced that the Tribe will be bringing in a new staff person to the CDA office.

**Jeri DeLange** - Said that she has been working on the arrangements for the upcoming BEIPC meeting and field trip on August 19. For the Communications PFT, she would like to schedule the next meeting for September 23.

**Schedule:** The TLG conference call scheduled for 8/20/09 will be cancelled due to the BEIPC meeting the day before. The next TLG call will be held on 9/3/09.

Thank you for your participation.