

## **EcoRA Work Group Conference Call - April 5, 2001, 9:00 - 9:15 AM**

### Participants:

Bill Beckley, Ridolfi  
Merrill Coomes, Coomes Associates  
Steve Hughes, URS  
Harry Ohlendorf, CH2M Hill  
Anne Dailey, EPA

### Update of EcoRA Finalization:

- Development of the response to comment database is nearing completion
- USFWS feedback on the draft responses was received and integrated

### CD and/or Hardcopy of Final EcoRA?:

- As we move towards finalization of the EcoRA, we would like to know if you need a paper hard copy or CD version of the Final CDA EcoRA. The plan is to send the CD version to all recipients. Hard copies will be sent only to the parties who received the Draft EcoRA in hard copy form or have requested a hard copy.

**==>> Please advise me by April 6<sup>th</sup> if you need a hard copy of the Final CDA EcoRA.**

### Status of EcoRA teleconferences:

- As the EcoRA heads towards finalization, we plan to reduce the frequency of EcoRA teleconferences to once/month. Given the drop off in issues and attendance, this seems like an appropriate change. The calls will be held on the first Thursday of the month at 9 AM PST. The time slots that have been used for the EcoRA calls may be used to discuss EcoFS related topics.....stay tuned regarding this opportunity.

### Waterfowl Feedings Studies:

- Field work at Bull Run Lake and Black Rock Slough was completed March 22. Initial laboratory work at Patuxent will occur the week of April 9. Brad Frazier, USFWS, and Stan Peterson, URS, will be going back to initiate the laboratory efforts.
- Tom Grant, Spokane Channel 4 News, did a favorable story about the soil amendment study on the 3/22 evening news. Nick Zilka, Dan Audet and Frank Frutchey were interviewed.

### Background Revisions:

- During the DEcoRA review period, EPA received comments regarding the approach used to establish background concentration values; in response to comments EPA is revising the approach used to develop background concentrations.

### Chironomid mouth-part deformities:

- Chironomid mouth-part deformity data recently provided will be incorporated in the

ecological risk assessment. So far the mouth-part deformities data do not appear to cause community-level impacts.

Next Teleconference:

- Per discussion above, there will not be an EcoRA teleconference on 4/16/01
- The next teleconference will be at 9 AM PST on Thursday, May 3, 2001.
- The call-in number will be (206) 553-4557.

\*\*\* Errata from 3/22/01 EcoRA teleconference notes: Randy Connolly participated in the teleconference but was accidentally omitted from the list of participants. Sorry!!