

## **EcoRA Work Group Conference Call - Oct. 5, 2000, 9:00 AM - 9:35 AM**

### Participants:

Michelle Wilcox, Ecology

David Fortier, BLM

Brad Sample, CH2M Hill

Brad Frazier, USFWS

Tom Dahl, Dahl Environmental

David Fortier, BLM

Anne Dailey, EPA

### Follow-up to EcoRA Work Group Workshop held on 9/27-28

- Thanks to all who participated in the EcoRA workshop held in CdA last week.
- A special thanks to Rick Patten, USFS, for providing the excellent meeting space!
- At the workshop EPA's contractors provided information on how the ecological risk assessment was conducted and substantial time was provided for questions/answers and discussion. Lots of input was provided by workshop attendees. The comments on the DEcoRA were collected and will be addressed during the draft->final revisions of the EcoRA.
- Attached to these notes are the comments recorded during the workshop by Anne Dailey and Trudy Pulley, CH2M Hill. Please let Anne Dailey know if we inaccurately capturing your comments.
- Michelle Wilcox noted that Nigel Blakey, Ecology ecological risk assessor is new to CdA issues and will be reviewing the DEcoRA. Both Brad Sample and Anne Dailey offered to provide additional info to Nigel or answer questions to help bring him up to speed.
- There was some discussion about the need to better communicate the substance and conclusions of the EcoRA to the general public. Reference was made to a newspaper editorial in which it was apparently stated that the EcoRA is too complicated. While EPA did involve our community liaisons and outreach folks in development of the executive summary, Dailey said that EPA and its contractors would take another look at making improvements in how we communicate the EcoRA outcome to the broad audience of stakeholders.
- David Fortier, BLM, mentioned the BLM sensitive species list which was provided by Scott Robertson at the Workshop. Dailey said that she had given EPA's contractors both the BLM list and the USFS list provided by Rick Patten at the Workshop. Both lists will be addressed in the final EcoRA. The lists will be reviewed to determine which species are already on the EcoRA receptor list explicitly or are covered by another species.

### Draft EcoRA Review Period Extension to Nov. 6, 2000

- In response to two requests for extension to the review period and after reviewing the schedule, **EPA has determined that comments received prior to November 6, 2000, can be considered when finalizing the EcoRA document.**

### Update of CdA EcoRA schedule:

- The EcoRA review schedule continues to be as follows:

8/31/00      Draft EcoRA mailed to EcoRA work group for review

9/27-28/00   EcoRA work group workshop held in CDA

9/28           ID CAC & WA CAC Workshop held regarding the Draft EcoRA

Revision:

==> 11/06/00      Written comments on Draft EcoRA due in writing to EPA

### Soil Amendment Treatability Study:

- EPA's contractor, URS Greiner, is putting together a matrix of information about available soil amendments. The matrix will include such information as types of treatments, mechanism, application method and rate, reaction time, cost factors, previous studies, and other concerns.

- EPA also received electronically information reaction a phosphate-based amendment offered by Metals Treatment Technologies out of Golden, CO, and Dailey forwarded this on to parties who had indicated an interest in the soil amendment discussions.

### Next Teleconference:

- Note that the October 19th conference call was canceled since a number of the participants were involved in another meeting in CdA held at the same time

- Next EcoRA call will be on November 5, 2000 at 9 AM PST

- Call-in number is 206-553-4602; no pass code required

- topics of discussion will include:

- status of the EcoRA

- discussion of any comments received

- other topics as appropriate