

FEDERAL FACILITIES FORUM TELECONFERENCE February 10, 2005

STATE REPRESENTATION ON FORUM

The Forum discussed the recent decrease in state representation on the Forum. Pending clarification from John Quander, Technology Innovation Program (TIP), regarding sponsorship and funding for renewed state participation, regional representatives may be asked to recommend state candidates for Forum membership.

EXPLOSIVES OB/OD GUIDANCE

Dave Reisman (ORD/Cincinnati) described new ORD work tasks (under contract with Battelle) to address OB/OD cleanup issues:

- Development of an explosives OB/OD technical/engineering guidance in cooperation with Harry Craig (Region 10) and Mike Overbay (Region 6). The guidance will cover air emissions, soil residue, ground/surface water impacts, alternative treatment options, and other technical aspects of OB/OD. The final product is intended for use by regulatory agencies issuing RCRA Subpart X permits and by RPMs responsible for site cleanup involving OB/OD. The guidance will encourage use of alternative technologies for explosive material cleanup.

The document is on a “fast-track” development schedule, with the majority of work to be completed by September 30, 2005. A preliminary outline of the guidance will be distributed to the Forum for review and comment during March 2005.

- Protocol testing on explosives OB/OD will be conducted jointly by the Navy and Army at Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake, CA. Testing is anticipated to be completed within a 90-day period beginning in April 2005. The test results will be provided to EPA for integration in the guidance and for application at other military sites.

Reisman requests that the Forum continue forwarding him any new information references that may be considered for incorporation into the guidance. Later in 2005, the Forum anticipates developing an issue paper serving as a companion to the technical/engineering guidance.

Overbay will coordinate the efforts with those of the Agency’s Subpart X Workgroup, which is developing an OB/OD guidance specific to RCRA Subpart X permitting issues. It was noted that the new Subpart X guidance is anticipated to include higher standards for site characterization, risk assessment, and environmental monitoring than those formerly specified in Subpart X permits.

PERCHLORATE TECHNICAL ISSUE PAPER

Quander reported that the Forum’s draft final technical issue paper will be distributed (electronically and in hard copy) within the next 1-2 weeks to the Forum for additional review and comment. The revised draft reflects findings of the recent NAS perchlorate study. Following integration of any additional Forum comments, TIP will coordinate with FFRRO in distributing the draft to the Interagency Perchlorate Steering Committee for outside review and comment.

On a related note, Josh Barber (FFRRO) reported that the ITRC Perchlorate Action Team’s next draft of its perchlorate issue paper will be completed in February 2005. A review meeting will follow in March, with issuance of the final paper scheduled to occur by Fall 2005.

SPRING 2005 NARPM CONFERENCE

The Forum discussed plans for the Spring 2005 NARPM meeting, which will be held May 23-27 in Phoenix, AZ. The Forum will hold its business sessions on the afternoon of Thursday, May 26.

OPEN MIC

Craig summarized a series of EPA meetings with the Corps of Engineers and the Navy as part of the Ad-Hoc Munitions Workgroup to discuss field limitations of existing policy on munitions. The next meeting, which will focus on quality assurance for geophysical surveys, will be held May 18-19, 2005, at the Agency's ORD laboratory in Las Vegas, NV. EPA region and state participation in the upcoming meeting is invited; those interested in attending are requested to contact Craig for additional information. Craig noted that the ITRC recently issued a new guidance on geophysical prove-out, and will distribute an electronic link for accessing the document.

Tracey Seymour (FFRRO) reported that FFRRO is reviewing documentation describing the various changes in federal legislation that DOD is requesting. FFRRO anticipates issuing a guidance memorandum to the regions in the near future concerning the Corps of Engineer's current position on munitions cleanup compliance at FUDS.

Quander reported that the Engineering Forum is evaluating options for a Fall 2005 TSP meeting focused on optimization strategies, with Triad training. A meeting location in the Midwest is anticipated.

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