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To: Lamoreaux, Richard W CIV USARMY ARDEC (US)
Cc: Kouretas, Malgorzata E CIV USARMY ARDEC (US); Powell, Raymond; Roberts, Mark
Subject: RE: Gorge Release - Picatinny Arsenal - Safety Evaluation Report (SER); Environmental Assessment (EA)/Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI); and NEPA Compliance/Section 106 review(s)
Date: Tuesday, December 15, 2015 1:30:00 PM
Attachments: Wildlife ML12275A103.pdf

Good Afternoon Rich:

It was a pleasure speaking with you two weeks ago and today. During our conversations, we discussed an estimated completion date and an outline of the steps regarding the Safety Evaluation Report (SER) and the Environmental Assessment (EA)/Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). This email is to document our conversations.

In order to complete the SER and EA/FONSI, I need the following (final, formal, and signed) NEPA Compliance/Section 106 review(s) concerning the attached Department of the Army, ARDEC, Picatinny Arsenal, NJ Decommissioning Plan (DP):

- (1) A formal list of Federal and State threatened and endangered species and determine the impacts, if any, of the decommissioning activities on these species. Please also include any wetlands that may be impacted. (I received an informal email without a conclusion or signature.) (Also, I attached an example of a letter from another project. This letter is publically available in ADAMS.)
- (2) A formal list of historic properties (above and below ground), if any, that could be impacted by the decommissioning activities. (I received a draft in Dec 2014 that states no impact on historical or archaeological deposits, but the document is lacking all the signatures and may now require a current date.) Also, please ensure that SOPs are implemented in the event that archaeological deposits are noticed during the excavations below the OD Pit for Inadvertent Discoveries.

In accordance with NRC's guidance, NUREG-1757, Vol. 1, Rev 2 (Section 15.7; specifically, Sections 15.7.2 through 15.7.5), I will need to generate either an EA/FONSI, if the findings of the reviews result in no impact to historical and wildlife/environment, or an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), if the review results in an impact to historical and wildlife/environment. <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/nuregs/staff/sr1757/v1/>.

Please let me know the timing of the NEPA documents.
NOTE: The NRC does not sign/approve these documents.

I will be able to complete the SER and EA/FONSI, and issue the EA/FONSI approximately two to three months after we receive the NEPA documents.
NOTE: If I have to generate an EIS, the timing will take significantly longer.

The steps involved (assuming we're headed toward the EA/FONSI) are the following:
Complete the SER, which is an internal document
Complete the EA/FONSI (which is a public document, supported by the SER, that will go into the Federal Register)

SER and EA/FONOSI documents need to be reviewed and approved by my branch chief and division director, and then by our General Counsel and Headquarters folks. The state of NJ will need to review/approve the EA/FONSI, too. Send EA/FONSI to the Federal Register to be issued as a FRN. (The EA/FONSI informs the public that the NRC is considering the issuance of a license amendment so you may conduct activities per your DP; no additional wait.) Amend license to include the DP in your tie-down section and issue the license.

I hope you find this helpful.

Best Regards,
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Subject: [External_Sender] Gorge Release

Hi Laurie,

We spoke during the week of November 30th about creating a list of tasks required to be completed in order to receive concurrence on the Picatinny release plan, and an estimated completion date. Could you let me know when you may be able to provide us with the list and ECD?

Thanks
Rich

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Mr. Mark C. Roberts
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RE: Environmental Review for USDA Beltsville Remediation Project, Prince George's County, Maryland.

Dear Mr. Roberts:

The Wildlife and Heritage Service has determined that there are no State or Federal records for rare, threatened or endangered species within the boundaries of the project site as delineated. As a result, we have no specific comments or requirements pertaining to protection measures at this time. This statement should not be interpreted however as meaning that rare, threatened or endangered species are not in fact present. If appropriate habitat is available, certain species could be present without documentation because adequate surveys have not been conducted. It is also important to note that the utilization of state funds, or the need to obtain a state authorized permit may warrant additional evaluations that could lead to protection or survey recommendations by the Wildlife and Heritage Service. If this project falls into one of these categories, please contact us for further coordination.

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to review this project. If you should have any further questions regarding this information, please contact me at (410) 260-8573.

Sincerely,

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