

Attachment 4

Interview Records

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Subject: Five-Year Review	Time: 9:05 Date: 4/28/05
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Summary of Conversation

Mr. Pocze stated that he thought cleanup at BNL was progressing well. He feels that, for the purpose of the five-year review, particular attention should be paid to the groundwater treatment systems – not only because there are numerous systems, but because many of the systems are off site and in communities. Mr. Pocze feels that the greatest potential risk is the groundwater treatment systems, especially regarding whether the systems' performance would corroborate the modeling.

Although new to BNL's projects, Mr. Pocze said that he felt well informed about the cleanup. He also said that he felt the public is well-informed, and that the site does a lot of outreach work. He specifically noted the number of public info sessions, public meetings, factsheets, and CAC meetings.

Mr. Pocze is not confident that the cleanup will continue to be managed properly. He stated that this is an agency-wide concern for federal facilities. He mentioned concerns about property transfers, long-term land use, and questions about who will oversee the future cleanup work.

Mr. Pocze did not have any suggestions regarding management of the cleanup – he stated that he thought it was going fairly smoothly.

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Contact Made By:

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Summary of Conversation

Ms. Logan's overall impression of the cleanup activities at BNL is favorable. She noted that BNL's groundwater group has good history from which to work, and suggests that EPA would like to see "tempo trends over time". She noted that seeing the visual representations of models versus actual data is also helpful, and suggested writing short summaries comparing what was expected to what found in the field.

Ms. Logan feels that she – and the public – are well informed. At the point when she left, she felt that remedies were functioning as expected. She is most concerned about achieving the Sr-90 cleanup.

Ms. Logan suggests keeping an eye on TCE regulations – she thinks she's heard about possible changes but could not recall what she'd heard.

Regarding risk to achieving soil cleanup, Ms. Logan said that construction around the BGRR was a concern – but added that proper planning would help mitigate the risk. Regarding risk to achieving groundwater cleanup, she mentioned the size of the groundwater plumes and the fact that multiple systems are in operation. She suggested careful monitoring of the plumes and changes to the remedy if necessary.

Ms. Logan is, for the immediate future, confident that DOE will continue to manage cleanup. She had no suggestions regarding management of the cleanup.

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Summary of Conversation		
<p>Overall, the State is pleased with how cleanup is going. DOE sought stakeholder positions, and has shown willingness to consider those positions. Mr. Lister feels he is well-informed, primarily due to the weekly conference calls. He also feels that the public is well informed.</p> <p>Mr. Lister knows of no new regulations pending, and is not aware of any specific aspects of the review process that require special attention.</p> <p>Mr. Lister is most concerned about the risk and difficulty of the BGRR D&D. Risk to workers was mentioned.</p> <p>The State has greater confidence in DOE's management of cleanup activities than formerly, but he notes that it is the State's role to be vigilant and verify compliance. He said that the State <i>hoped</i> to be confident.</p> <p>Mr. Lister suggested that DOE continue to listen to stakeholders. He recommended that DOE evaluate the concerns of members of the public as well as the regulatory community.</p>		

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Summary of Conversation		
<p>Mr. Rapiejko thought the cleanup is progressing well, and said there were no issues that needed particular focus in the review. He thinks he is well informed, as is the public. Mr. Rapiejko felt that it is too soon to assess the effectiveness of most of the RODs – but also said that he had little experience with the early decisions. He asked that Marty Trent be contacted for a broader perspective.</p> <p>Mr. Rapiejko is not confident that the cleanup will continue to be managed appropriately. He is particularly concerned about the change from ERD to LTRA and the loss of institutional knowledge. He particularly mentioned Skip Medeiros, adding that they have worked together long enough that they have a common knowledge about each others priorities and concerns. Mr. Rapiejko noted that, after he and Mr. Medeiros had hammered out an agreement, they both knew what was going to be done and why. Mr. Rapiejko is concerned that important knowledge is going to be lost.</p>		

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Summary of Conversation		
<p>Mr. Trent believes that the cleanup plan is a well-thought-out, well-executed plan that has been sensitive both to the environment and to public concerns. He suggests that one area of particular review focus should be residual contamination. He feels that he is well-informed and that interested members of the public are also well-informed.</p> <p>Mr. Trent thinks that the cleanup is going well so far. He noted that there have been surprises, and adds that the surprises have been fixed and dealt with. He is not aware of any upcoming regulatory changes that might affect cleanup.</p> <p>Mr. Trent believes that the greatest risk to cleanup is the issue of continued funding. He is not confident – but is hopeful – that DOE will continue to actively manage the long-term cleanup. He added that SCDHS would continue to monitor and verify the work. He noted that the current administration does not have a strong environmental record, and expressed concern that that may affect DOE’s ability to fund the cleanup.</p> <p>Mr. Trent concluded that a strong framework was in place, and that communication between all agencies has improved.</p>		

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Summary of Conversation		
<p>Ms. Penny thinks that DOE is doing a good job of the cleanup, and noted that the work is almost complete. She suggests that the review should pay particular attention to the institutional controls for the areas of concern.</p> <p>Ms. Penny feels well informed about the cleanup, and thinks the public is also well informed. She thinks removing the BGRR pile is the area with greatest risk. She is also concerned about the consistency of funding.</p> <p>Ms. Penny is confident that DOE will continue to manage the cleanup well, and has no other suggestions or recommendations about the cleanup.</p>		