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January 4, 2013

To: RDA Committee members and alternates; interested parties
From: Dale Davis, RDA Committee Executive Director
Re: January 9, 2013 RDA Committee Regular Meeting

The RDA Committee will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, January 9, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. in room **ROA-09** at the Department of Ecology's headquarters building in Lacey, Washington. A meeting agenda and minutes from the December 12, 2012 regular meeting are enclosed for your review.

There are two oil spill pre-assessment screenings scheduled for this meeting; the 8/16/12 spill from a Seattle City Light transformer into McAleer Creek, and the 11/21/12 spill from a Seattle City Light transformer into Miller Creek. The committee will be updated on the status of the RDAs for the Foss Maritime Port Madison and Conoco-Phillips Dalco Passage spills. Rebecca Post will update the committee on the progress of changes to the Compensation Schedule associated with HB-1186. Please call me at 407-6972 or e-mail at dale.davis@ecy.wa.gov if you have any questions or agenda items to add.

Enclosures: Agenda
Spill Report Sheets (2)

RESOURCE DAMAGE ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE - REGULAR MEETING

Department of Ecology
300 Desmond Drive, Lacey, WA
[Room ROA-09](#)

Wednesday, January 9, 2013
9:00 a.m.

Agenda

I. New Business

A. Preassessment Screening

1. Seattle City Light, August 16, 2012 spill into McAleer Creek
2. Seattle City Light, November 21, 2012 spill into Miller Creek

II. Old Business

A. Committee update on the status of the RDAs for the 12/30/03 Foss Maritime spill, and the 10/14/04 Dalco Passage spill.

B. Committee update on the status of changes to the Compensation Schedule associated with HB-1186.

C. The RDA Committee will vote on how to proceed with the 6/21/2012 Hauff Barge spill RDA.

DRAFT MINUTES

December 12, 2012, REGULAR MEETING OF THE RDA COMMITTEE Held at the Department of Ecology Headquarters: Lacey, WA

ATTENDANCE:

Rebecca Post, WA Department of Ecology 360-407-7114

Dale Davis, WA Department of Ecology 360-407-6972

Don Noviello, WA Department of Fish and Wildlife 360-902-8124

Rob Whitlam, WA Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation 360-586-3080

Shayne Cothorn, WA Department of Natural Resources 360-902-1064

The Resource Damage Assessment (RDA) Committee held a regular meeting on Wednesday, December 12, 2012 at the Department of Ecology headquarters building in Lacey, Washington. Rebecca Post called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. The minutes were approved as written for the November 14, 2012 RDA Committee meeting.

I. New Business

1. **Barge *HMS 2000*, November 7, 2012 spill into Port Angeles Harbor**
2. **Seattle City Light, August 16, 2012 spill into McAleer Creek**
3. **Seattle City Light, November 21, 2012 spill into Miller Creek**

1. Barge *HMS 2000*, November 7, 2012 spill into Port Angeles Harbor.

Dale Davis described the incident. The Barge was loading heavy fuel oil and the oil overflowed due to a miscalculation. An estimated 840 gallons spilled, but most of it was contained on the deck. Some went into the water, but the barge was pre-boomed and essentially all of the oil was well contained. Most of the free-floating oil was recovered, but some was stuck to the barge hull, the boom, and pilings.

The RDA Committee proceeded to vote on the following PAS questions:

1. Are the damages quantifiable at a reasonable cost? Results: Yes=0 No=4
2. Is restoration or enhancement technically feasible? Results: Yes=0 No=4
3. Has the potential liable party (PLP) proposed restoration/enhancement projects/studies that are sufficient to adequately compensate the people of the state for public resource damages? No, no PLP representative attended the meeting and no proposal was submitted.

2. Seattle City Light, August 16, 2012 spill into McAleer Creek and Seattle City Light, November 21, 2012 spill into Miller Creek.

Seattle City Light requested that the PAS for these two spills be postponed until the January 9, 2013 RDA Committee meeting. The committee voted to approve the request.

The committee discussed the Hauff Barge spill to determine if we should proceed with a damage assessment. There was general agreement that the spill was probably over 25 gallons, but we need to work with Doug Stolz, the lead responder for the spill, to document the volume.

II. Old Business

For the Puget Sound Energy spill, some of the committee members visited the Jensen Creek fish acclimation pond that is now complete and was paid for by penalty money resulting from the spill.

For the Foss Maritime Port Madison spill and the Conoco-Phillips Dalco Passage spill RDAs, there is no new information.

Rebecca Post updated the committee on the status of work on rule making regarding the Compensation Schedule resulting from HB-1186. The rule will be signed on December 14, 2012 and will then become effective on January 14, 2013.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:47 a.m.

PREASSESSMENT SCREENING OIL SPILL REPORT FORM

Date of Incident: November 21, 2012

Potentially Liable Party: Seattle City Light

Product Spilled: Transformer/mineral oil

Spill Source: Transformer

Oil Spill Size Estimate: 38 gallons spilled, 36 gallons to water

Water Body Affected: Miller Creek

Ecology Region: NWRO

County: King

Nearest City: Burien

Location of Spill: 2nd Ave South, near Highline High School

Cause: Tree fell on power pole

Ecology Responder: Dick Walker

Field Report: A tree fell on a power pole, knocking it over and breaking open the transformer. A small amount of the oil soaked into the soil, but it was raining heavily and most of the oil went down a storm drain that drained to Miller Creek. Some oil was observed in the creek, but the flow was too high and none could be recovered.

PREASSESSMENT SCREENING OIL SPILL REPORT FORM

Date of Incident: August 16, 2012

Potentially Liable Party: Seattle City Light

Product Spilled: Transformer/mineral oil

Spill Source: Transformer

Oil Spill Size Estimate: 30 gallons spilled to water

Water Body Affected: McAleer Creek

Ecology Region: NWRO

County: King

Nearest City: Lake Forest Park

Location of Spill: 2nd Avenue and South 153rd street

Cause: Tree fell on power pole

Ecology Responder: Shannon Cline

Field Report: A tree fell on a power pole, knocking it over and breaking open the transformer. The oil went down a storm drain that drained to McAleer Creek. None of the oil was recovered.