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Sent: Friday, April 12, 2013 3:13 PM
To: Johnson, Bill H (DNR); Tina Pint; David Blaha
Cc: Cory D. Anderson; Melinda Todorov ([REDACTED])
Subject: RE: Responsibilities for addressing EPA comments
Attachments: MineSite_Outputs_forEPA.pdf; Approach for addressing 040513 comments.docx

Bill and Dave,

The attached file has Barr's draft responses to the EPA comments that Tina identified as ours. Also included is a pdf with outputs from an extreme case run of the Mine Site model (Comment #6). I have also included at the end of the document a response to the question from Tyler Kaspar.

Dave, we'd like for you to review our responses before we send them on EPA. We'd also like a chance to review the ones your team has been working on, if possible.

Thanks,
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Subject: RE: Responsibilities for addressing EPA comments

Tina, please work on the Word document version. If it makes sense we can convert that product to a PowerPoint framework. Bill.

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Subject: RE: Responsibilities for addressing EPA comments

Bill-

I want to make sure I understand our direction. Should we be working on a PowerPoint for next Tuesday or Wednesday or a word document of draft "responses for discussion" to be sent out tomorrow?

Dave-

Any concerns with the comments I suggested ERM would be in the best position to address?

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Subject: RE: Responsibilities for addressing EPA comments

Tina, yes, that was my basic thought, with some musings that at least for the call it could look more like the last check-in PowerPoint a week ago. If we got agreement on the direction, probably some type of Co-lead interagency memo would be the correct vehicle (similar to what we've done with the first sensitivity analysis).

Also, you have reminded me to seek clarification from Mike on Comment 8. I'll cover that now. Bill.

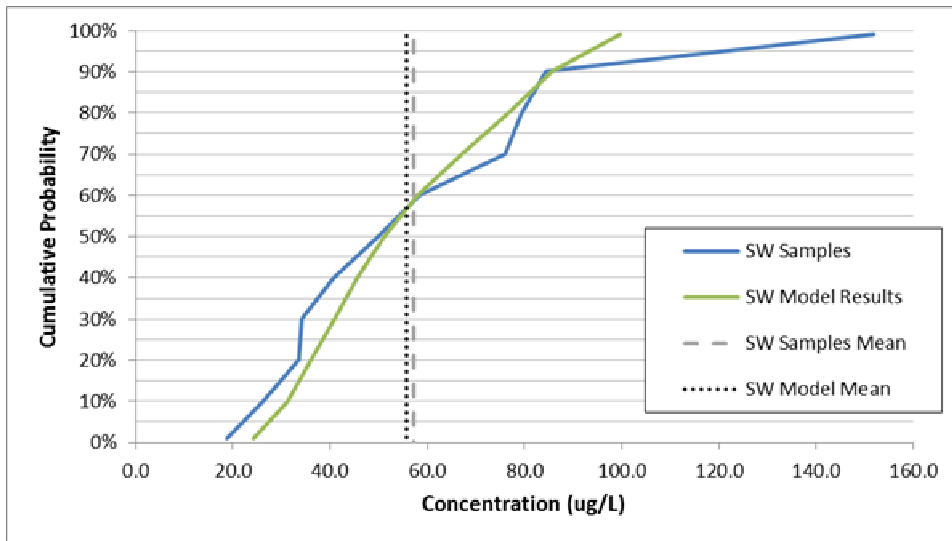
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Subject: RE: Responsibilities for addressing EPA comments

Bill-

Thanks for the update.

Are you envisioning that we would provide our draft "responses for discussion" in the document I started? If so, does it make sense for us to put new figures in there that will help address the comments? For example, we have modeled vrs measured hardness plots like the following to aid in the discussion of EPA's comment on hardness.



Also, if you want to have draft responses to send to EPA on Friday does that mean Barr and ERM should be providing draft draft responses by end of day tomorrow for review by the other parties?

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Subject: RE: Responsibilities for addressing EPA comments

Tina and Dave, I have just connected with Mike Sedlacek. He concurs that the next step is for a call to review the proposed "responses" the Co-leads have for the points raised in the EPA's model review letter.

As we also discussed yesterday, Mike is polling his team for the afternoons of April 16 and 17 for availability. Please pencil in these afternoons for verification, potentially as soon as later today.

I believe it is important for the Co-leads (through PolyMet/Barr and ERM resources) to have draft "responses for discussion" back to EPA as soon as possible. EOB on Friday (4/12) would be ideal. I will be glad to send them on to EPA.

Three things at this point:

1. Dave, if you haven't done so please confirm for Tina the proposed allocation of response development Tina has proposed.

2. All, please expect a second email from me to Mike Sedlacek laying out the plan from here.
3. Also please recall that we received a single comment from the 1854 Treaty Authority. I'd like to have a draft response for it developed too.

Thanks. Bill J.

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Subject: Responsibilities for addressing EPA comments

The attached document contains my first crack at developing the responsibilities for addressing the latest EPA comments. Dave, certainly speak up if you disagree with one of the assignments. Bill, Cory and Peter, same goes for you. I have also attempted to identify areas where a sensitivity analysis may help address the question. Dave, with your permission, I would like to have Cory and/or Peter talk with Fred about some of this to make sure our approach seems reasonable.

Bill, PolyMet is very eager to get this resolved and really likes the idea of talking through draft responses with EPA next week. I have been tasked with doing everything within my power to help make this happen. Please do what you can to work with EPA to get something scheduled for early next week (Tuesday or Wednesday).

Thanks,
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