

API NRDA Task Force Meeting Great Lakes NRDA “Roundtable” Update

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Imagine the result

Genesis of Great Lakes NRDA Roundtable

- Outgrowth of 2004 National Cooperative Damage Assessment Workshop (San Diego, CA)
- Three regional workshops held in 2005 (sponsored by NOAA and API)
 - Southeast/Gulf Region NRDA Workshop, Savannah, Georgia, April 13-14, 2005.
 - ***Great Lakes Regional NRDA Workshop, Chicago, Illinois, November 1-3, 2005.***
 - Northeast Regional NRDA Workshop, Newport, Rhode Island, May 30 - June 1, 2006.

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Primary Objectives of 2005 Workshop

- Focus on regional issues
- Explore creative solutions and enhance interaction and coordination
- Identify ways to improve coordination of CERCLA/RCRA activity and NRDA
- Improve working relationships
- Improve sharing with less experienced practitioners

Stated Interests of the Great Lakes Workshop Participants

- What is meant by “Cooperative NRDA?”
- Discuss specific NRDA tools—what has/has not worked
- Explore technical and fiscal assistance for nascent state programs
- Network among practitioners (state, federal, tribal, and industry)
- Gain clarity on how federal agencies operate
- Better integrate remediation with restoration

Small Group Reports (Day 2 of the Workshop)

- Improve communication via website
- Expand body of research on NRDA issues
- Enhance trustee coordination and communication
- Increase NRDA knowledge via training
- *****Facilitate ongoing communication (meetings and conference calls)*****

Action Item: Small Work Groups to Develop Work Plans

Facilitate Ongoing Communication

- What is an efficient way to facilitate ongoing communication between stakeholders in the Great Lakes???
 - Who should be involved?;
 - What should we talk about?
- Formation of a Great Lakes NRDA Steering Committee
 - Hold monthly conference calls;
 - Discuss topics that have regional and national NRDA interest;
 - Sponsor gatherings when appropriate

Steering Committee Members (End of 2005-mid 2007)

Natural Resource Trustee Members

- Kelly Bakayza, DOI
- Robert Burr, DOI
- Kevin Faus, MN PCA
- Frank Horvath, USFWS
- Frances Klahr, MO DNR
- Eli Reinharz, NOAA
- Todd Rettig, IL DNR
- Allen Sedik, BIA
- Jim Smith, IN DEM
- Heidi Sorin, OH EPA

Industry Representatives

- Mike Ammann, Chevron
- Becky Comstock, Freeport McMoRan Copper and Gold, Inc.
- Rees Madsen, BP
- Chuck Stilwell, BP

Consulting Representatives

- Pieter Booth, Exponent
- Steve Davis, WSP
- Jeff Stringer, ARCADIS
- Todd Williams, ENTRIX

Wisconsin and Michigan absence due to fiscal constraints

Evolution of Steering Committee and First “Roundtable” Meeting

- First conference call March 10, 2006
- Early solicitation for increased industry participation
- Early development of agenda
 - Cooperative assessment
 - FACA process
 - Case studies/lessons learned
 - Restoration tools, restoration banking
 - Coordinating response with NRDA restoration
- Size of meeting and funding

How Did We Get to Where We Are Today?

- Extensive input of ideas on technical/administrative topics

Conclusion: Use first roundtable as forum for charting path forward

- Extensive debate on appropriate size

Conclusion: Based on objectives and funding difficulties, decided to keep small and focused

What Did We Hope to Accomplish at the First Roundtable?

- Objectives of the Roundtable:
 - Establish and further working relationships via “quality face-time”
 - Advance knowledge regarding trustee and industry programs
 - Advance understanding via open-discussions of key technical issues
- Outcome of this meeting will determine scope, and the focus of any future coordination/communication

First Great Lakes NRDA Roundtable Meeting

July 18-19, 2007 – DePaul University, Naperville
Campus

- AGENDA

- Meet and Greet
- Trustee Programs Descriptions (IL DNR, IN DEM, OEPA, MN PCA, NOAA)
- Industrial Corporate Approach to NRDA (BP, ConocoPhillips)
- Settled Cases in the Great Lakes – What has worked and what hasn't worked (Lawrenceville Case Study) (Two oil spills in MN)
- FACA Update by Robin Burr and Nancy King
- Assessing Groundwater in an NRDA context – Presentation on Ohio EPA's Simplified GW Evaluation Method

Great Lakes NRDA Roundtable Meeting

Attendance

- 26 people in attendance
- State Trustees
 - IL DNR
 - IN DEM
 - IN DNR
 - MN PCA
 - OEPA
- Federal Trustees
 - DOI
 - USFWS
 - NOAA
- Industry
 - BP America
 - ConocoPhillips
 - The Doe Run Company
 - Lyondell Chemical
 - GenCorp
- Consultants
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 - ENTRIX
 - WSP Env. Strategies

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What is the Steering Committee Up To in 2008 and Beyond...

- Monthly Conference Calls
- Formulating agenda for 2009 Roundtable meeting
- Brainstorm about ways to fund trustee participation especially when traveling out of state (really a state trustee issue at the moment)
- Next Roundtable meeting tentatively scheduled for April 22-23, 2009 in Fort Snelling, MN (USFWS Region 3 Regional Office)...maybe Lansing, MI?. Steering Committee open to conducting a meeting sooner if warranted

Possible Agenda Topics for Next Roundtable in Spring of 2009...

- If we are going to encourage restoration early in the NRDA process, how do we scale restoration projects in the absence of a full injury quantification?
- Examples of integrating response with restoration and how best do we do that?
- How do we implement restoration projects in a fashion that all stakeholders are content;
- What are the impediments to getting to restoration faster?
- Is it possible for the US government to settle a case prior to an approved Record of Decision and how does this effect getting to restoration faster?
- Is NRDA fundamentally about restoration?
- At sites where there is ongoing RI/FS work, how do we address the trustees desire for compensatory restoration during interim removal (conflicts between trustees and regulators?? conflicts between RP and trustees??);
- How does Net Environmental Benefit Analysis play into the restoration of natural resources in an NRDA context?

Thank You and Questions???

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