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To Our Clients and Friends,

Summertime is here, and there have been some exciting developments at ESC - new projects and more. Read on for project updates and recent developments at ESC and around the country.

ESC News

New Intern

ESC has a new intern, Martha Ellen Wingfield, a graduate of Virginia Commonwealth University with a BS in Environmental Studies. She will begin her graduate coursework, also in Environmental Studies, in the fall and will be interning at ESC throughout the fall semester.

2009 VA Water Research Conference

ESC will attend the 2009 Virginia Water Research Conference which will be held on October 15th & 16th at Virginia Commonwealth University. We will be presenting on the relationship of climate change and contaminated sites and their effects on water resources around the state.

Client Updates

Edison Wetlands Association

After a July 8th hearing on the Akzo case, the two parties are involved in settlement discussions. The Edison site is located adjacent to the Raritan River in New Jersey; the sediments along the river have been seriously contaminated with chemicals from the Akzo/Nobel Chemical Company. Also, ESC conducted a site visit at the slag site on Raritan Bay in early July and is currently preparing comments on the Health Consultation analyzing heavy metals and PCB contamination in game animals and wild carrots at the Ringwood Mines/Landfill site.

Duwamish River Cleanup Coalition

The Lower Duwamish Waterway group has released the draft Feasibility Study for the Duwamish River. Official public comments of the Feasibility Study were submitted in early July, and the agencies and potentially responsible parties are reviewing the comments with an eye towards the next steps. A revised version of the study will come out, although the date is unknown.

Fort Ord Environmental Justice Network

The prescribed burning season began July 1st and will continue through December 2009, although no burning has occurred during the month of July. FOEJN is still working with the military to implement safer vegetation clearing practices.

On July 8, ESC traveled to attend the quarterly Army's Community Involvement meeting. LeVonne Stone, Executive Director of FOEJN, gave a presentation regarding the community's continuing concerns about prescribed burning, as well as presented information regarding three munitions pits that were left unremediated at one of the munitions sites at Fort Ord.

Olympic Environmental Council

ESC recently submitted a paper on the clean up options at Rayonier Mill Site in accordance with current literature on cleanup of contaminated sediments in Washington state. The paper is available on the ESC website and covers options ranging from monitored natural recovery to dredging and phytoremediation.

Spring Valley

On June 10, Peter attended a Congressional hearing on the Environmental Remediation Program at Spring Valley. Links to the transcripts of every testimony can be found here:

<http://federalworkforce.oversight.house.gov/story.asp?ID=2468>

Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council

Peter will be attending his first MAFMC meeting from August 4th to the 6th in Alexandria, VA as a representative for the state of Virginia. The MAFMC oversees fishery conservation along the mid-Atlantic coastline and prepares fishery management plans.

Center for Justice

ESC submitted a white paper on storm water contamination in the Spokane River to the Center for Justice on July 15th. The paper will be reviewed and released to the public shortly .

Velsicol

One of the oldest and most famous Superfund sites, the feasibility study for the Velsicol Chemical Corp. will soon be submitted for public comment. The site is located in Gratiot County, Michigan, along the Pine River and consists of DDT groundwater contamination as well as PBB and other metallic contamination in the soil. The EPA and the state of Michigan briefed the Citizens Advisory Group on preliminary consideration of clean up alternatives earlier in July. Peter will be returning to Michigan for the August CAG meeting.

As 2009 progresses, we at ESC look forward to assisting you in a collaborative effort for improved environmental quality and social wellbeing. Thank you for your continued support, and as always, feel free to contact the ESC office with any questions or concerns.

**Until next time,
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