Revised Consent Order

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Public Comment Period

- Revised Consent Order (CO) was issued today, March 30th, for Public Comment
  - 45-day public comment period
    - March 30, 2016-May 16, 2016
  - Notice published in local newspapers
  - Several opportunities for public comment period:
    - Today’s NNMCAB Meeting
    - Regional Coalition of LANL Communities – April 8th
    - NMED-sponsored open house meeting- April 28th
    - Meetings with individual stakeholders
    - May 18th NNMCAB Meeting
      - Report on comments received
Overview of Revised Consent Order

- Revised Consent Order
  - November 12th preview of revised CO highlighted four enhancements to original CO
    1. Campaign Approach
    2. Cleanup vs. Investigation
    3. Annual Planning Process
    4. Data Quality Objectives
  - These enhancements will facilitate cleanup at LANL, as most preliminary investigations have been completed
  - All four enhancements have now been incorporated into the revised document
Campaign Approach – Section VIII

- Defined using key criteria that help to group the legacy cleanup work into “campaigns.”
  - E.g., risk level, stakeholder priorities
- Consists of one or more projects
  - Campaigns and projects consist of one or more tasks or deliverables (e.g., work plan, well installation)
- Lasts from project(s) start to finish and can last multiple years.
- See Appendix C for the descriptions of each Campaign
Focus on Cleanup – Section VIII

- All descriptive language regarding areas for investigation has been removed, enhancing focus on cleanup
- Sections XIX and XX allow for “accelerated” and “at risk” work as well as presumptive remedies, enhancing prioritization of cleanup
- Process in place to resolve comments and issues early, enhancing performance on cleanup
  - Section XXII – Designated Agency Managers
  - Section XXIII – Preparation/Review/Comment on Documents
Annual Planning Process – Section VIII.C

- Process for updating Appendix B
  - Current FY, FY+1, & FY+2, w/ milestones and targets
- Appendix B [Milestones and Targets] updated annually
  - Reality check includes: changed conditions, priorities, & funding
  - Transparency: Revised Appendix B posted on NMED’s website
- Dynamic process allows for revision during the year due to upward or downward adjustments in funding
Data Quality Objectives (DQOs)

Section XIII – Facility Investigation

- Focused on the overall goals - accomplish environmental cleanup and reduce risk
- Work Plans shall describe the objective(s) of the work; Permittee executes

- Methods/Procedures used during field work included in Reports

- Guidance on conducting investigations – Appendix F
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More Significant Enhancements:

- Relationship to the RCRA Permit – Section VII
  - Clarified RCRA Permit requirements vs. CO requirements
  - Clarified what happens upon termination of CO

- Designated Agency Managers (DAMs) – Section XXII
  - Responsible for coordinating the implementation of the CO
  - Position must have sufficient decision-making authority

- Stipulated Penalties for Non-Performance
What has not changed:

- All work covered under March 1, 2005 CO is carried forward into the Revised CO
  - Includes work identified in the future (e.g., deferred sites)
- Public participation for remedy selections continues
- Stipulated penalties continue
- Cleanup levels continue at rigorous levels
NMED Perspective

- Revised CO:
  - Focuses on cleanup of legacy contamination
  - Provides flexibility to NMED and LANL to enable success rather than delay
  - Has stronger enforcement provisions
  - Provides plan for how/when all cleanup work will be completed
    - Supports discussions on future funding levels for LANL
Next Steps

- Public input is critical – we want your feedback
  - Appendices B & C
    - Campaign structure/organization
    - Prioritization of Campaigns
- Meet with individual stakeholders
- How can you help?
  - Provide comments
  - Pass resolutions
  - Send letters of support
Next Steps (Cont’d)

Reminders:

- The March 1, 2005 CO is still in effect until it is replaced by a revised version.
- Public Comment Period ends at 5:00 PM on May 16, 2016
  - Written comments (including email) may be sent to:
    - Kathryn Roberts: kathryn.roberts@state.nm.us
Questions?