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To: [Matt Mauro](#); [Skirka, Michael](#); [Caroline Ehrlich](#)
Subject: RE: Keasbey BDA: Nikita Thakur
Date: Thursday, June 5, 2014 7:50:30 AM

Matt;

Thanks for the insight, she also contacted and I'm glad you noted she also is doing work for EWA

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Afternoon Mike

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I'll send an email out to the LSRPs and owner contacts in the BDA and give them a heads up.

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Cc: [Findley, Anthony](#); [Brian Kellmann - EPEC](#); [Ehrlich, Caroline](#); [Mark Laska](#); [Tim Tracy](#); [Bret Pardue](#) ([xxxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxxx.xxx](#)); [Caputi, Jeff](#); [Barbara Barnes](#) ([xxxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxxx.xxx](#)); [xxx@xxxxxxxxxxxxx.xxx](#); [xxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxxx.xxx](#); [MCCORMAC JOHN](#); [Matt Mauro](#); [Valerie Montecalvo](#); [Tipton, Karina](#)
Subject: RE: Meeting at El Paso Site
Date: Wednesday, October 9, 2013 5:44:03 PM
Attachments: [5 Timeline revised 20130827\[1\]\[1\].pdf](#)
[Grt Ecol - Woodbridge Mitigation Plan\[1\]\[1\].pdf](#)

Mr. Spiegel,

Thank you for your note of October 2, 2013 sent via email to our project team for the Former Nuodex Site and members of the BDA. In the future, please direct questions regarding the Former Nuodex Site to me and Karina Tipton of Brown and Caldwell and copy Brian Kellmann of Kinder Morgan, Bret Pardue and Tim Tracy of USA, and Mark Laska of Great Ecology.

We appreciate your interest in the Site as well as your long standing commitment to the environmental health of the Raritan River and your continued interest in the Keasbey BDA. As such we seek to respond to your email on a point-by-point basis so as to clarify our perspective on the items you raise.

We share your concerns regarding the Hatco/Weston impacts on the Former Nuodex Site. As you know, Hatco/Weston, under the oversight of the USEPA, NJDEP, and an LSRP, are responsible for delineating and remediating the impacts associated with the Hatco Site that extend onto and likely beyond the EPEC property. We have not received a recent update on the status of that work from Weston/Hatco. I attempted to contact the USEPA to get an update on the status of the ongoing work. Unfortunately, the USEPA contact is on furlough as a result of the federal government shutdown. I will get in touch with the USEPA after the shutdown and provide you an update on the status of the ongoing work. EPEC will also contact Hatco/Weston regarding the status and schedule for their work. I have also been in contact with the LSRP for the Hatco site and he has committed to provide me an update on the status of the project. I suggest that we defer scheduling a meeting on this subject until we get updates from both the USEPA and Hatco/Weston and the LSRP on the status of the work. I will contact you with an update when I get this information and we can discuss potentially meeting at that time.

You also expressed an interest in discussing the status of remediation within the BDA area including the schedule for ongoing work on the Former Nuodex Site including the restoration area and open water creation. As you are aware, our site is one of several within the BDA, and the remediation and mitigation work on our site is well under way and continually progressing.

We have attached a one page summary of our updated construction schedule that was submitted to both the Army Corps of Engineers - NY District and the NJDEP as part of the Army Corps permit of both 2011 and 2013. The work in the southern wetlands will be completed by next year, as well as that in the tidal wetlands, and the following year we anticipate completing construction of the Open Water Pond. Our goal is completion of the restoration work by 2015.

We are not aware of the status or schedule for other sites in the BDA.

There are no further updates to the restoration layout, public access, and kiosks planned beyond the design which was approved by both the Army Corps and the NJDEP as part of our permit process and provided to Edison Wetlands back in 2011. Our restoration layout and public access routes and flow is finalized and is being constructed now. We have attached for your convenience a site plan showing the general locations of the restoration habitats and the public access and information kiosks.

We appreciate the collaboration and review that EWA has provided our project team during preparation of the plans and information for wetlands mitigation and development of public access areas. Please be assured that the schedules and all planting details have been approved under our ACOE permits, and we are currently implementing this work under all approved plans with agency oversight and engagement.

Regards.

Steve

Stephen A. Kessel, P.E., LSRP

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Subject: Meeting at El Paso Site

Karina:

I am following up on our last contact regarding the areas along the Raritan River where the tidal work is being conducted. I would like to schedule a time to meet at the site at your earliest convenience to discuss several issues regarding the site work and restoration at the El Paso site. I would also like to discuss the Hatco Chemical site.

EWA has patiently tried to work cooperatively with Hatco, Weston and the LSRP to bring them into compliance and mitigate the surface water discharges that have impacted the wetlands and sediments in the BDA area on the El Paso Site.

I would like to meet to discuss the information that we have been able to gather as well as potential next steps to address this serious and persistent problem.

I would also like to meet and discuss the remediation within the BDA area including the El Paso site and the restoration activities including the schedule for work to be done within the El Paso restoration area and open water creation.

Please let me know some potential dates that we can meet next week at the site. I passed by the title restoration work today as I was conducting a Raritan River tour and I wanted to meet to get an update and also discuss the layout for the restoration, public access and informational Kiosks planned for the El Paso area.

Before the project moves forward the EWA would like to see the current information including plans and information on planting schedules, public access trails, amenities, parking and access and waterfront park as well as the sign language and timeline schedule for the next 24 months.

We were assured that the EWA would have a significant role to play in reviewing the project and providing guidance in these areas. We have professionals and staff that have been waiting patiently for the remediation work to be complete so we can move forward with this phase of the restoration and public access.

Respectfully,
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Subject: RE: Follow up on Possible Archeological site along the Raritan River in the BDA area

From: "Tipton, Karina" <xxxxxxx@xxxxxxxxx.xxx>

Date: Fri, September 20, 2013 5:17 pm

To: "xxxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx.x" <xxxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx.x>

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Mr. Spiegel,

The project team has engaged Dr. William Chadwick of John Milner Associates, Inc. to evaluate the potential for shellmiddens in the Tidal Wetlands excavation area. Dr. Chadwick will visit the site during the week of September 23rd to evaluate the potential for shellmiddens. Based on the evaluation made previously by the team, which concluded that the soil layer of potential archeological significance previously identified at this site is below the maximum depth of excavation activities, the excavation work was not suspended.

Additional qualification information for Dr. Chadwick is below.

Regards,
Karina

William J. Chadwick, Ph.D., RPA, PG
Principal Geoarcheologist
Senior Associate

Bill received his doctorate in geology from the University of Delaware in 2000. His principal area of concentration is geoarcheology, with emphases on geomorphology, geographic information systems (GIS), and ground-penetrating radar (GPR). His field experience ranges from the Mid-Atlantic to the Northeast. Key projects include an intertidal archeological survey at the New Bedford Harbor Superfund Site, Massachusetts; a GPR study at Valley Forge National Historical Park, Pennsylvania; and a GIS-based archeological sensitivity and architectural survey for the U.S. Route 113 North/South Study, Delaware. Dr. Chadwick joined JMA in 2001, and has over ten years of cultural resource management experience.

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Karina J. Tipton, P.E., LEED AP
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From: xxxxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx.xx[mailto:xxxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx.xx]
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To: Tipton, Karina
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Subject: RE: Follow up on Possible Archeological site along the Raritan River in the BDA area

Ms. Tipton:

I am writing to get an update on the archaeological review of the potential Shellmidden Site. Can you tell me who was retained to investigate the site and assess the area for Shellmiddens?

I wanted to see if they were in fact a qualified prehistoric Native American archaeologists who is able to properly assess Shellmidden areas along the Raritan River? These areas can range up to 10,000 years ago and should be treated with the importance of a find of this magnitude.

Can you tell me if the work in this area has been temporarily suspended until a full and proper assessment can be made? I have some limited experience in the field of prehistoric archeology and know that and damage or movement of material can mean priceless knowledge can be gone forever if the area is disturbed or additionally impacted.

Also in your letter you stated that there was no evidence that there was Shellmiddens in the area however two sites of significant importance were found directly across the Raritan River at the Horseshoe Road Superfund Site in Sayreville and are well documented in the EPA's cultural resources report. That find clearly demonstrates that these type of beds are in this part of the Raritan River Estuary and in close proximity to this site.

I would appreciate a responses to this email and also the name of the archaeologists who will be assessing the Shellmidden beds as the status of the investigation?

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Mr. Kessel:

I am writing in follow up to our site tour of the El Paso BDA and restoration. I would have written you back sooner but I was injured and am just getting back to work.

During our recent site tour of the area along the Raritan River behind the El Paso Site. I noticed a significant number of excavation trenches where there appeared to be a significant Oyster or clam shells of an unknown origin. I recognize similar shells across the Raritan River at the

Horseshoe Road Superfund in Sayreville New Jersey.

I took a few back to take a closer look and I believe that this area may in fact be a significant historic archaeological site worthy of further investigation.

<http://archaeology.about.com/od/boneandivory/a/shellmidden.htm>

I am attaching a picture of one of the shells for your review as well as information regarding these types of finds. I respectfully request that you suspend further excavation or movement of materials along the Raritan River in this area until qualified archaeologists could go out and ascertain whether or not this a possible Archaeological find.

This site has the potential to be a significant archaeological find and a site of importance. I respectfully request that you suspend any further movement of sediment or soils until such time as a qualified professional archaeologist who is familiar with shellmiddens and other types of Native American artifacts can assess the significance of this potential find.

Please let me know if you would like me to accompany you and show you the area myself.

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Subject: Questions on the Keasbey BDA remediation-Critical Issues
Date: Sunday, July 21, 2013 2:53:18 PM

Anthony:

I'm writing in regards to several critically important questions I have regarding the keys be BDA remediation and outstanding work which need answers. They are as follows:

1: What happened to the groundwater and surface water sampling and investigation at Ashland Site 1 that we discussed? I was assured that ground water and surface water sampling would be conducted and addressed after the soil remediation was complete on the Ashlands 1 soil. Was there ever any surface water sampling from that surface water covert from the Ashland one area?

2. I also identified a second covert coming up from underneath the Ashland landfill area which I requested information on and was not followed up on. This section covert also drains into the surface water on Federal business centers property and eventually into the Raritan River.

3. The Ashland landfill which was known to have excepted significant amounts of hazardous-waste during its use was included inside of the wall and while that will help to mitigate some of the run-off the hazardous-waste landfill needs to be closed in a manner that is protective of human health and the environment and not just simply left in the condition that it's in. I would like to see the complete closure plan including the cap and leachate collection and gas venting or flare for this landfill. This area is of special concern due to the amount of hazardous chemicals known to have been deposited in it. The cap must be designed for the specific waste dumped in this landfill and not just simply a soil cap.

4. I would also like to know specifically where and when the pump and treat for the groundwater is going to be coming on-line. Now that the site has the slurry wall installed they there should be an immediate plan to begin pumping and treating the leachate and contaminated groundwater and so that we do not have a problem with the slurry wall pressure building within the wall that can cause it could become destabilized.

Can you provide me the specifics for the leachate collection system for the entire area with in the slurry wall and also the parameters and permits for the leachate collection system and treatment? I would like to see specifically what type of treatment is being used and what are the regulatory parameters and groundwater criteria that is being considered for discharge into the surface water and wetlands.

5. What happened to the Gentempo Landfill closure? We were assured that the NJDEP enforcement would take action against the site owners if they did not step up and begin work to characterize and close this hazardous-waste landfill.

6. The area along the Hatco site is still discharging contaminants into the surface water that is going underneath Riverside Drive and into the El Paso wetland area. We need the NJDEP to step up and enforce the regulations against the discharge of contaminants into surface water of

the United States without a permit.

Both NJDEP and US EPA have failed to contain and remove the sources of the surface water contaminants and the NJDEP must coordinate with their enforcement branch to assess the level of PCBs discharging into the surface water and take enforcement action to mitigate the discharge. Also the area along the tributary that had the chemical soup near the tributary was highly contaminated. Was this area removed by El Paso or addressed to remove the chemical?

This important Ecological area will never be fully cleaned without the PCBs being delineated in the El Paso wetlands and Raritan River drainage. I would be happy to sit down with you to show you exactly what I am talking about.

The shovels down BDA media event is premature if all these issues have not been addressed yet.

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Subject: RE: Hatco Status Update
Date: Friday, September 17, 2010 2:09:15 PM

Ms. Vogel:

Since the chemicals are actively discharging from this site into the channel and onto El Paso's property and the Raritan River, can you tell me what actions you will require Weston to immediately undertake to stop that chemical discharge? El Paso is getting ready to launch a multimillion dollar remediation and ecological restoration, and we cannot move forward with any plans to clean up, restore, redevelop, and open up this area for public access until you direct Weston to stop the chemicals that are discharging. As you may be aware, the Hatco site sits in the middle of the Keasbey Brownfield Development Area, a multimillion dollar state investment with the Township of Woodbridge to clean up this area and restore it both economically and environmentally. Hatco being allowed to continue discharging chemicals into the channel and river completely undermines that.

Please let me know what steps you are taking, as well as if you have any time available to join us in seeing the site first-hand.

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Bob,

I received your email dated September 14, 2010 requesting a status update on the work at the Hatco Site in Woodbridge Twp, Middlesex County, NJ.

The Department and USEPA recently met with Weston on August 30, 2010 to discuss the progress of remedial activities at the Hatco Site. In May 2010, Weston implemented their Approved Remedial Action Workplan and excavated and disposed of impacted soils from non-wetland areas on the facility. In June 2010, Weston received approval from the Department's Land Use Program to implement the remedial activities within on- and off-site wetlands and Channels A, B and C. Weston is currently evaluating contractors and expects to begin the first phase of remedial activities in these areas in the fall. Additional delineation of Morris Pond and adjacent areas will also be conducted as part of the first phase of activities in the wetlands. In addition, Weston has completed the Phase I design of the LNAPL extraction system and anticipates well installation to begin in mid- to late September 2010. Design and implementation of the full scale LNAPL extraction system, recovery trenches and treatment system will begin in 2011. Additional remedial activities in the on-site wetlands will be conducted in conjunction with the installation of the full scale LNAPL extraction system.

Weston indicated in the August 30, 2010 meeting that the booms placed in the Channels and wetlands in April 2010 are still in-place. Weston noted they continue to monitor the booms and channels and have implemented the Approved Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plan as required.

As noted in my July 22, 2010 email, the Department, USEPA, Hatco/Weston representatives and EPEC/Brown and Caldwell representatives, met at the EPEC site in June 2010 to evaluate Channel D area and the Northeast wetlands. The Department has received the analytical data summary reports from all parties and is currently evaluating the information to determine a path forward for the Channel D area and Northeast Wetlands.

If you have any additional questions, please let me know.

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BDA Committee members,

I wanted to extend an invitation for you to join us at the 2nd Annual Sustainable Raritan River Symposium this Friday, June 4th at Rutgers University Campus New Brunswick Campus. I thought you would be of interest since both Caroline Ehrlich of Woodbridge Township and I will be highlighting the Keasbey BDA redevelopment project during the conference. WildNewJersey.tv has also produced a short documentary on the Raritan that focuses on Brownfields to Greenfields in Keasbey that will air during the lunch hour.

Registration is free, and can be found at <http://blueraritan.org/conference2010/index.php>. I hope that you can join us.

Warmest Regards,

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