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Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2017 2:00 PM
To: 'Schimek, Cassandra'
Cc: Mylotta, Pamela A - DNR (Pamela.Mylotta@wisconsin.gov)
Subject: RE: Zablocki VA Medical Center - Soil management question

Hi Casey,

I spoke with my supervisor and she states that as long as there is no point source and only dealing with soil fill impacts without a specific source (i.e. tank or other obvious discharge) then the whole property could be viewed as an open site, and each area dealt with within that ERP BRRTS number. So for each of your construction projects that you are landfilling the soil fill materials will be recorded as interim-actions under the BRRTS number: 02-41-563846, Clement J Zablocki VA Medical Center (VAMC).

Plans, test results, and as built reports to document the actions are requested for the file. It is advised to conduct some soil sampling on either sidewalls and or floors of the excavation(s) to document remaining contamination on the property. When the site is at the point of closure, a complete summary will be required (DNR closure form 4400-202) for all the interim actions, landfill receipts, and all other required information to obtain closure.

This overall soil fill impacts plan is not for any other open site on the VAMC grounds or, again, any other release that has an identifiable source.

I hope this provides you with the information you need to complete the handling of the soil fill needed for the upcoming construction season.

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Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2017 8:55 AM
To: Michael, Greg S - DNR
Subject: RE: Zablocki VA Medical Center - Soil management question

Noted, thanks for your response. If we can get an answer by April 15 that would be ideal as we will be starting to meet with contractors about a project and putting together a plan.

Thanks,
Casey

From: Michael, Greg S - DNR [mailto:Greg.Michael@wisconsin.gov]
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To: Schimek, Cassandra
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Zablocki VA Medical Center - Soil management question

Hello Casey,

I have moved this question up the chain and it appears to have not yet stopped the elevation change. I will let you know what I receive as soon as I get an answer.

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Sent: Friday, March 10, 2017 12:46 PM

To: Michael, Greg S - DNR

Subject: Zablocki VA Medical Center - Soil management question

Hello Greg,

I'm following up with our conversation a few days ago regarding soil management for the Milwaukee VA. As discussed on the phone, we have discovered that the soil surrounding our main hospital, building 111, is composed of urban fill from when it was constructed in the 1950's. From numerous soil samples gathered during our parking structure projects from 2014-2017, we have determined that the soil contains low-level PAH and metals. No VOCs have been detected. We currently have an open BRRTS on file with the DNR for this.

We are planning several small projects near building 111 over the next year that will require some minor excavation, and there will probably be more in the future. My question is, each time we dig, do we need to open a separate BRRTS project with DNR, or is there a way to have an approved soil management plan / BRRTS that we follow and provide updates?

We plan to tell all contractors doing any type of soil work to assume contamination, and to ship waste soil to an approved landfill based on previous profile listing the PAH and trace metals. We would also place minimum of 2 feet of clean soil fill and one foot of topsoil, unless we plan to build, where concrete would serve as a cap. If for any reason the soil appears to be inconsistent with previous observations from our soil boring data (i.e., odd odors, oily substance, evidence of past spill, etc.) then we would immediately halt work and have additional sampling performed.

I know you were going to get some second opinions on this. Please let me know if I can provide additional information.

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