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Note

To: Chief, Division of Budget

Through: Assistant Director - Energy and Mineral Resources (sgd.)

From: Chief, Hazardous Materials Management Staff

Subject: FY 1990 Funding for Atlas Asbestos Site

Robert H. Lawton
8/9/88

This is to inform you that the Department has provided us with an opportunity to request additional funding for work at the Atlas Asbestos Site in California. This has become necessary because we had planned the Bureau's FY 1990 workload under guidance that was provided to us by an OMB examiner in October 1987 -- i.e., request funding for those areas where the workload is known and request supplemental appropriation requests for significant work that becomes known at a later date. This was our intent when preparing the FY 1990 workload estimate.

However, we have now been advised that there will be no requests for supplemental appropriations to deal with situations such as Atlas Asbestos. As you are aware, the EPA is preparing a RI/FS for the 50-square mile National Priority List (NPL) site. The Bureau is involved at this site because of a nearly 400-acre mine-site on the NPL contained within the study area. Once EPA completes the RI/FS (scheduled for November 1988) and the record of decision signed (scheduled for March 1989), the Bureau must commence remediation work at the site within 15 months of that decision (i.e., June 1990).

To prepare an estimate for work related to the Atlas Site, we have requested some cost information from the California State Office and several Washington Office divisions. In addition, we are attempting to obtain a copy of the draft RI/FS that has been prepared. We will provide a memorandum with a cost estimate as soon as information becomes available.

Bernie Hyde, Jr.

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Issue: Proposed Additional Funding for Hazardous Materials - FY 1990 Estimates

Recent discussions between BLM and the Justice Department indicate the Bureau has the responsibility for site clean-up of the Atlas Asbestos Mine Site in California.

There are no apparent viable third parties.

RI/FS

EPA undertook an RI/FS to be completed in calendar year 1989¹³ with a record of decision in March, 1989. Cost to date is estimated \$6 million.

BLM has not seen content of RI/FS but has requested copy.

Cooperative Agreement

BLM and EPA will undertake a cooperative agreement which will spell out those costs associated with the RI/FS which the Bureau will reimburse EPA ~~for~~. No monies should be planned at this time.

Clean-up Action

As landowner, BLM is responsible for clean-up. Estimated cleanup actions which must begin 15 months from approval of RI/FS are:

- ? ROD
1. Site Fencing
 2. Change surface hydrology
 3. Road Closures/pavement to limit access or seal surface
 4. Revegetation Study
 5. Lined ditches and conduit ditch

Estimated Cost \$2 - \$4 million

Recommendation

BLM should plan to make an amendment to the estimate for the Hazardous Materials Program after an opportunity to review the draft RI/FS and assess realistic costs of site clean-up. BLMs portions of RI/FS should not be included in request.

AUGUST 10, 1988 -- STEVE ADDINGTON (HOLLISTER RA)

FY 1990 ATLAS ASBESTOS COST

\$ 2,705,300 → \$ 1,218,500

8 ITEMS (EPA)

1. FENCING (REMEMBER) \$ 0 - \$ 375,000
(DOESN'T KNOW HOW MUCH FENCE / AREA TO BE FENCED)
2. PAVING & RECONSTRUCTING ROAD \$ 100,000
3. STUDIES (REVEGETATION) \$ 31,000
4. STREAM DIVERSION \$ 720,000 - \$ 1,440,000
4-8000 FEET
5. FENCE & SIGN REPLACEMENT \$ 2,000
6. PATROL COST \$ 9,000 (SALARY)
7. CONTRACT PREPAR. & MONITORING \$ 30,000
(FOR FENCING, ITEMS 1-4.)
8. RECONTOUR WORK BY BULL DOZER
\$ 30,000 - \$ 60,000

ADDED

18% ADMINISTRATIVE OVERHEAD CHARGE

12% INFLATION

- 90 % CERTAINTY THAT EPA WILL ASK FOR THESE ITEMS.

- BASED ON DISCUSSIONS W/ EPA.

- ^{STEVE BELIEVES} 1 ITEMS ARE REASONABLE ; EPA SEEMS AMENABLE TO NOT CLOSING THE ROAD. & LOOKING AT ALTERNATIVES.