
SUBJECT GROUNDWATER/VADOSE ZONE INTEGRATION PROJECT (GW/VZ)
STRATEGIC PLANNING/LONG RANGE PLAN WORKING GROUP MEETING

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A meeting on the above subject was held on October 14, 1998, at 3350 George Washington Way, Richland, Washington, Conference Room 1B40.

Planning Assumptions:

- A product that is expected to be generated by this group is a project logic.
- Strategic objectives will be GW/VZ Project-specific not for the entire Hanford Site.
- Products from the GW/VZ Project will provide a cornerstone for Hanford Site and area strategic planning.
- Exposure scenarios must be defined.

Mission Statement: Accepted by all attendees.

Planning Period(s):

- System Assessment Capability Development Period-3 years + iterations. Time required to develop a Minimum Credible Model that can be used in quantifying uncertainty and providing an estimate of risk.
- Current Mission Period: 50 years. Driven by milestone schedule.
- Post-Current Mission Period: 50+ years. Stewardship concerns.

Situation Analysis:

- Threats include, but not limited to:
 - Fluidity in scope, schedule, and budget
 - Expectations
 - Unexpected/unplanned events (e.g. release of contamination such as K-Basin breach)
 - Inability to define a common set of end states
 - Level of project credibility
 - Project role/authority
 - Technical surprises

- Opportunities include, but not limited to:
 - Regulator/Stakeholder/Tribal Nation Support
 - Positive S&T drive
 - Visibility of GW/VZ issue
 - Projects' ownership

Strategic Issues:

- How can the level of uncertainty be used in the decision process? How much uncertainty is allowable? How can uncertainty be counterbalanced with "safety net" activities (e.g. monitoring)?
- How much do the projects care about the success of this project?
- What is the Problem Statement for this group? Is it to define the project focus and to come up with measures of success?

Action Items:

- Provide input on threats and opportunities to BHF: ALL ATTENDEES
- Find out the assumptions for FFTF interim and final end states: J. WAITE
- Talk to Facility Transition group re: end states: T. WINTCZAK
- Update "Status and Decisions" tables: T. WINTCZAK
- Provide copies of viewgraphs to attendees: T. WINTCZAK
- Set up meetings for Wednesday, October 21 and Thursday, October 22: T. WINTCZAK
- Read the sections on Strategic Objectives and Strategic Issues before October 21 meeting: ALL ATTENDEES

Review and be ready to provide input on all materials on milestones, decision points, and