



- 2) RL generously funds TRIDEC as RL's choice to act as the Community Reuse Organization (CRO) to offset economic losses expected as Hanford transformation progresses. RL's funding of TRIDEC is a closely held secret even though public money is being used by TRIDEC to perform its lobbying function as the CRO, and there appears to be no accountability for how TRIDEC spends it. As TRIDEC Board of Director members, past and current RL Directors were aware of TRIDEC's efforts to support the Hasting's sponsored regulation but apparently made no objection to the 9/30/15 date knowing that compliance with that date would be unlikely unless shortcuts could be taken. The long and the short of this situation is that RL funding for TRIDEC, i.e. public money, was used to support the Hasting's legislation which had the effect of circumventing the public's right to an objective NEPA evaluation. The relationship between RL and TRIDEC is much too cozy and represents a conflict of interest for RL's Directors to continue this relationship as Board members. We the people are paying the price for this cozy relationship.
- 3) Recently, RL has unilaterally entered into a MOU with 2 outside agencies to allow them access to the existing Hanford Reach National Monument under certain circumstances. This action is contrary to the NEPA process. Other stakeholders and USFWS were not involved in the decision. Motivation for establishing the MOU remains a secret and how such a MOU can be established without proper NEPA treatment or without USFWS input has gone unanswered. The time is overdue for RL to relinquish ownership of the existing Monument to USFWS to prohibit RL from using the existing Monument as a bargaining chip to support their secret agenda and to prevent further NEPA abuses.
- 4) RL continues to ignore its responsibility to honor the August, 2014 MOU which requires collaboration between DOE and USFWS by deliberately excluding USFWS from important issues related to the long term protection of ecologically sensitive Hanford lands, even though the MOU was signed by RL's boss, the Acting Assistant Secretary of EM (Mark Whitney). No pun intended, but it appears that RL doesn't know how to take orders from HQ. This behavior is unacceptable, irresponsible and unprofessional. The Monument belongs to the people. It doesn't exist for RL to use as a bargaining chip to achieve its secret agenda.

5) HQ also has also stated that stakeholder input would be part of the process as preparation of the AMP (now the Restraints document) occurs. However, so far no avenue of input by the public has been made by RL for future transfer of remediated Hanford lands. Why have public stakeholders not been involved with preparation of this important document?

In summary, I am still waiting to hear back from HQ or RL regarding these issues. It appears that the flawed Hanford lands conveyance program is partially the result of the desire to comply with the 9/30/15 date. Recognize that NEPA has been around since 1970 and the CLUP has been around since 1999. Why wasn't an objective NEPA program for transition of the 1,641 acres started years ago, or if was, why is it not complete by now? Hanford land management planning is simply not being managed properly by RL, the Lead Agency. The lack of timely action by the Lead Agency represents a loss of taxpayer money, and results we have today have compromised the taxpayers right to an objective NEPA evaluation. RL's program is so wrapped up in politics and secrets it has no resemblance to 42 USC 4321, better known as NEPA. We the people deserve better from both RL and TRIDEC.

Thank you for this opportunity to speak.

*God bless American for this freedom*