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Subject: RE: PEX - over time testing

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Please see answers to questions in the text. Let me know if you have other questions.

Thanks

Clif

From: Chaudhuri, Ishrat [mailto:IChaudhuri@ensr.aecom.com]
Sent: Wednesday, July 30, 2008 3:59 PM
To: McLellan, Clif
Cc: Barrett, Jason
Subject: PEX - over time testing

Hi Clif,

We are responding to public comments in the DEIR for PEX, and I had some follow-up questions for you regarding the decay/over time testing that you were conducting for MTBE and TBA.

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3) Have regulations from other states specified that if extraction results reach water standards in 90 days, then those pipes meet the safety criteria and can be used? Other states, excluding California, refer directly to NSF/ANSI 61 and do not have requirements distinct from the standard. The standard specifies day 90. How did you develop the 90-day time frame? It was a day that was believed to be a worse case representative of the extraction rate for the lifetime of a product. There were also a practical component to the test because if you took the test to one year it would make the process exceedingly lengthy. I would assume that pipes that do not meet the relevant criteria in 90 days do not pass the test? You are correct. Could you inform us how you have used the over time testing results previously? We have typically used the 21 day test to extrapolate to day 90.

As always, we appreciate your help in these issues.

Thanks,
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