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Attached is a response from Dawn concerning the status of the review of the draft Work Plan for upcoming RI/SSA work at Yorktown. Even though my technical folks have agreed to expeditiously review what they can, apparently a thirty day or less review time for submitting written comments on documents is not achievable for all. However, I do think that concentrating the upcoming partnering session on issues related to Sites 9 & 19 and the draft Work Plan will be beneficial in moving the review process forward to resolution. I have the upmost confidence that the technical folks from EPA will be ready to discuss the finalization of these documents. However, written responses from everyone will not necessarily be ready beforehand.

At the same time, it is apparent that any grand expectations of meeting a thirty day or less review time for submission of written comments on documents may at times be unrealistic, or even unachievable because of unforeseen circumstances or workload fluctuations during a month's time. Sometimes, EPA's technical folks just have too much to do at any one given time. I think that the May partnering session should include a discussion of setting realistic expectations for the future, and in dealing with unexpected delays. Otherwise, we will always be beset with a feeling of apparent failure, when in fact success is achievable despite unforeseen delays. A positive attitude always helps. Additionally, prudent planning may help avoid the "fire drill" situations for upcoming fiscal year workloads.

Additionally, I think that we all are to be congratulated on achieving what we have so far as a team, and focus on maintaining flexible attitudes. I believe that the May partnering session will be fruitful.

Rob

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