Oregon Consolidated Permit Application (CPA) Process – Chemical Process Mine Calico Resources USA

TECHNICAL REVIEW TEAM (TRT) - Meeting Notes

Date: August 24, 2023; 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm PT

Location: Zoom teleconference, with public access by phone or online.

Purpose: To hear an update on CPA comment status, to hear an update from the BLM, to hear an update on the Environmental Evaluation, and to discuss CPA completeness.

Attendees	Agency or Affiliation	
Dayne Doucet	Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI)	
Ruarri Day-Stirrat	DOGAMI	
Sarah Lewis	DOGAMI	
Bob Brinkmann	DOGAMI	
Alex Lopez	DOGAMI	
Becky Johnson	DOGAMI	
Jackson Morgan	Oregon Department of State Lands (DSL)	
Connie Schrandt	Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)	
Ron Doughten	DEQ	
Kendra Girard	DEQ	
Jennifer Peterson	DEQ	
Sean Rochette	DEQ	
Ryan Lewis	DEQ	
Doug Welch	DEQ	
Larry Brown	DEQ	
Phil Marcy	Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD)	
Shane James	Oregon State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO)	
Cameron Curtis	Stantec	
Alison Uno	Stantec	
George Fennemore	Stantec	
Kate Bujnowicz	Stantec	
Audry Figgins	Stantec	
Rachel Goldman	Paramount Gold	
Glen Van Treek	Paramount Gold	
Carlo Buffone	Paramount Gold	
Tom Patterson	SLR Consulting	
Scott Miller	SLR Consulting	
Leslie Thompson	Argus Observer	
Tom Segal	Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW)	
Joy Vaughn	ODFW	
Davia Palmeri	ODFW	
Philip Milburn	ODFW	
Daniel Pike	US Bureau of Land Management (BLM)	
Jonah Blustain	US Bureau of Land Management (BLM)	
Leah Tai	US Fish and Wildlife Services (USFWS)	

Jeremy Buck	USFWS
Jackie Cupples	USFWS
Jesse Ratcliffe	Oregon Department of Justice (DOJ)
Eric Evans	Malheur County
Siera Watson	Senator Findley's office
Mark Salvo	Oregon Natural Desert Association

Agenda:

Time	Agenda Topic
2:00 pm	Welcome and Introductions
2:10 pm	Revisions to the Agenda
2:15 pm	CPA Comment Status Update / Study Areas Review
2:30 pm	BLM Update
2:45 pm	Update on Environmental Evaluation
3:15 pm	Completeness Discussion
3:55 pm	Meeting Conclusion and Final Remarks
4:00 pm	A D J O U R N

Notes:

Introduction

- Meeting introduction by Alex Lopez, DOGAMI.
- Call in details were provided in the comments section and notice was given that the meeting was being recorded.
- Public comment will not be taken during this meeting.
- Dayne Doucet, DOGAMI, coordinated introductions of TRT members.
- One public comment was received prior to the meeting.

Agenda

• Reviewed by committee members; no changes or additions requested.

Update on the Consolidated Permit Application Comment Status

- DOGAMI Dayne Doucet (via Power Point):
 - The number of resolved comments has increased, and the number of unresolved comments has decreased.
 - There are 23 unresolved comments left that are required for completeness.
 - Of those comments that are left, 100% are being reviewed by the agencies.
 - \circ $\,$ Maps showing the different project study areas were shared.

Project Update:

- BLM Daniel Pike:
 - \circ BLM approved the initial action notice.
 - Starts the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process.
 - Determines which level of briefings are required with headquarters.
 - Working on publishing the Notice of Intent (NOI).
 - Once the NOI is published, there is a 2 year deadline to complete the EIS.
 - The next step is the scoping comment period.

Environmental Evaluation (EE) Update

- Stantec Cameron Curtis (via Power Point):
 - Discussed outline and progress.
 - See presentation for details.

Completeness Discussion

- DOGAMI Dayne Doucet (via Power Point):
 - 2/19/2020 letter to Calico from DOGAMI.
 - Function of completeness review.
 - To ensure a permit is not denied simply for lack of info.
 - Clear and thorough guidance
 - Permitting agencies
 - Cooperating agencies
 - DOGAMI completed an independent review and classified all comments into 4 categories.
 - Primary concerns from the completeness review:
 - Non-completion of Baseline Data Reports (BDRs)
 - Reclamation and financial security
 - Tailings and waste rock
 - Water resources
 - Hazardous materials, safety, accident prevention, and emergency response
 - Project description
 - Wildlife and vegetation
 - The concerns outlined in the 2/19/2020 letter have been addressed or are covered by existing comments.
 - The CPA will be considered complete once all Category 1 and 2 comments are resolved.
 - DOGAMI will begin drafting the Notice to Proceed (NTP) and share a draft at the next TRT meeting.

- The NTP will have language concerning the stopping of the 225-day and 1-year clock if additional information is required from the applicant.
- The TRT will have an opportunity to formally accept the CPA as complete and review the NTP before it is issued.
- Discussion
 - Ron Doughten (DEQ):
 - Most remaining DEQ comments are probably category 3 or 4.
 - Permit fees need to be paid prior to completeness.
 - A final amount has not been supplied to the applicant.
 - DEQ still has questions.
 - Land use compatibility
 - Bonding / financial assurance
 - Will need additional information even after completeness.
 - Updates will be required for:
 - Monitoring Plan
 - Stormwater Pollution Control Plan
 - DEQ is comfortable with resolving or moving remaining comments to category 3 or 4 by the next TRT meeting.
 - Jackie Cupples (USFWS):
 - Reasonable to have comments resolved by the next TRT meeting.
 - Still has some concerns and will probably want additional information.
 - Coordinating closely with state agency partners, DEQ and ODFW.
 - Tom Segal (ODFW)
 - Prior discussion on when the 225-day clock will start, with the NTP or completion of EE?
 - Dayne Doucet (DOGAMI)
 - Rule states after the NTP is completed; statute states after NTP and EE is completed.
 - The 1-year clock starts with the NTP.
 - For consistency, both clocks will start with the NTP.

Final Remarks

- Dayne thanked the meeting participants for attending the meeting and for the TRT's time and preparation.
- Meeting notes will be available on DOGAMI's website.
- The next TRT meeting will be October 4th. The goal is to have all the completeness comments resolved by that meeting.
- The meeting adjourned at 2:46 pm.