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Technical Status

Activities undertaken through the ninth quarter focused on Task 6: Assembly of Overall Guidelines Document. A summary of the technical status and results or conclusions to date are presented below for this task.

Task 6: Prepare Overall Guidance Document

Technical Status

Work this quarter focused on Task 6.2 through 6.7.

Results and Conclusions

- Task 6.2: Distribute 1st draft guideline and obtain review comments
- Task 6.3: Prepare second draft of guideline
- Task 6.4: Distribute 2nd draft guideline and obtain review comments
- Task 6.5: Working meeting to resolve comments on 2nd draft
- Task 6.6: Prepare 3rd draft of guideline
- Task 6.7: Distribute 3rd draft guideline and obtain review comments

Work under Task 6 involved combining the results of Tasks 1 through 5 into a comprehensive guidance document. A first draft of the comprehensive guidance document was distributed for review and comment in Quarter 8. The first draft distributed was incomplete as Task 4 was completed just before June 15, 2008. However, this review allowed full comment on the results from Tasks 1 and 5 and a review of the proposed guidelines organization. A decision was made to delay distribution of the guidelines to one outside reviewer until after comments were incorporated from the 3rd draft and at the same time as the final review by PRCI and DOT. This provides an independent review of what is essentially the final document. This minor change in timing has no impact on the project schedule or budget.

Comments from the 1st draft were distributed and discussed via a conference call meeting in mid-August. As a result, a 2nd draft of two sections of the draft report were modified and redistributed for comments. These comments have been received and are being incorporated into a 3rd draft of the guideline that will be posted for review by PRCI, DOT, and as noted previously, one outside expert reviewer. The posting of the 3rd draft is scheduled to occur by the end of September. Drafts of the reports resulting from Tasks 2, 3 and 4 were posted for review this quarter. In addition, the USGS published the findings from their work on Tasks 1 and 5 as Open File Report 2008-1164 (<http://pubs.usgs.gov/of/2008/1164/>).

Plans for Future Activity

The project is scheduled to be completed during the next quarter. Planned activities will focus on completing Tasks 6 and 7.

Task 6: Comprehensive Guidance Document

Work will be completed on the following subtasks:

- Task 6.7: Distribute 3rd draft guideline and obtain review comments
- Task 6.8: Prepare final draft of the consolidated guidelines

The draft final version of the overall guidelines document is scheduled to be posted by the end of September for review by PRCI and DOT. Initial PRCI comments and questions are expected to be partially addressed in a meeting with PRCI and others in October (see note below). Provided the draft final document is posted by the end of September, the cut-off date for receiving comments will be requested to be no later than November 15, 2008. The final document is scheduled to be delivered to DOT by December 15, 2008.

Meeting and Presentations

A one-day meeting to present an overview of the project and key findings is planned for Tuesday, October 14, 2008 in San Diego, California in conjunction with PRCI committee meetings.