Closeout/Closure Activity Update: April 2022

Work priorities continued to focus on dismantling projects as RGR awaits approval of the Disposal Cell Expansion. Closure projects have been impacted. Closeout/Closure work for the month focused on continued cleanup and consolidation of debris from around the site. Removal of the ore stockpile was completed.

Activities

- 1) Ore Pile Removal
 - Completed removal of the Ore Stockpile
 - Material transported to the White Mesa Mill in Blanding Utah
 - Trucking company and mill notified of project end
 - Approximately 1,800 tons of low-grade ore were hauled off site during the month
 - To-date hauled: approximately 66,350 tons (RGR scale weight record)

2) Closeout/Closure Activities

- Continued removal of facilities, equipment and debris:
 - Removed broken concrete from the Carpenter Shop foundation
 - Removed broken concrete at Fuel Pump Building foundation
 - Removed broken concrete from the Water Treatment Building (WTP) foundation
 - Removed concrete foundation of the WTP cooling tower
 - Removed broken concrete from the MWTU Pump Building and MCC foundations
 - Removed broken concrete from the Flocculant Building foundation
 - Removed broken concrete from the Barium Chloride Building foundation
 - o Excavated the Fuel Storage Tank foundation and removed piers
 - Deeper spread foundation too massive to remove with equipment on hand
 - Removed broken concrete from the Chiller Building electrical room foundation
 - \circ $\;$ Removed the process water pipe at the west side of MWTU Pond 4 $\;$
 - Work involved handling a wrapped discharge pipe. A portion of the wrapping consisted of tape that upon inspection was found to contain asbestos (non-friable)
 - RGR employed a qualified and certified asbestos removal company to cut, remove and encase the pipe
 - Encased pipe is stored on site for further radiological characterization
 - RGR is evaluating disposal options, but currently prefers off-site disposal
 - Sorted steel scrap at the MWTU Pump Building site
 - o Removed electrical switch gear from the Well 16 transformer pad
 - Piled rails into manageable stacks for removal later
 - Continued removing scrap equipment from the Core Shed

Forecasted Activities

- 1) Closure Activities
 - Upcoming dismantling work:
 - o 24-ft "Production" Shaft Headframe
 - Plugging 14-ft and 24-ft shafts
 - o IX Building
 - Sewer Plant

Critical Path Items

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Approval of eastward expansion of the disposal cell

<u>Delays</u>

- Earth moving projects are delayed until the disposal cell expansion is approved
- Well-plugging and abandonment is delayed pending approval of the deep aquifer monitoring plan