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**To:** [Volkman, Samuel L MAJ, SPN](#); [Goodenough, Merry SPN](#); [Hicks, Jane M SPN](#); [Johnson, Cameron L SPN](#)  
**Subject:** Additional Redwood City Pictures  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 25, 2009 10:56:50 AM  
**Attachments:** [redwood city additional pictures.ppt](#)

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Please find attached additional photographs for the Redwood City Salt Ponds that were requested by Merry. Katerina

**Redwood City Salt Ponds and water control structure – May 3, 2002  
view is towards the north**



**Redwood City Salt Pond – May 3, 2002**  
**view is towards the southeast**

**ordinary high water mark**



**Redwood City Salt Pond – May 3, 2002**  
**view is towards the southeast, East Bay hills visible on the horizon.**



**ordinary high water mark**



**Redwood City Salt Ponds - February 15, 2009**  
**view towards the north from adjacent Bayfront Park**

**Historic Tidal Sloughs**



**From:** [Johnson, Cameron L SPN](#)  
**To:** [Galacatos, Katerina SPN](#)  
**Subject:** Annual Congressional Visit and Permit Action Fact Sheets Update  
**Date:** Thursday, December 03, 2009 8:55:31 AM  
**Attachments:** [Dist 14 Eshoo Cargill Redwood City1208.doc](#)

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Katerina - please update the attached factsheet and return to me by next Friday (December 11). -  
Thanks - Cameron

Cameron Johnson  
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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
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## **REGULATORY PROGRAM PERMIT ACTION**

APPLICANT: Cargill Inc.

AREA: Cargill's Redwood City Salt Ponds, San Mateo County, California.

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 14<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, Congresswoman Anna G. Eshoo

DESCRIPTION: The Redwood City Salt Ponds site consists of 1400 acres of solar salt concentration and crystallization ponds located primarily in Redwood City, California. The site is a salt plant where highly saline brines precipitate and salts are harvested on an annual basis. The site is bounded by a system of levees constructed in the early 1900s. Prior to levee construction, the site was crossed by tidal sloughs and was mostly comprised of tidal marsh. The two main sloughs which entered the area were First Point Slough and Westpoint Slough. In 1940, the Army issued a permit under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act to authorizing the construction of a levee across the two sloughs. At present, the area is diked off from San Francisco Bay, but water is brought into the area through an intake system for the purposes of salt production. In addition, the site receives and retains direct precipitation.

On June 28, 2002 and July 17, 2002, the Corps and EPA respectively wrote Cargill regarding the Redwood City Salt Ponds site and the Regulatory requirements Cargill would have to comply with under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. Since that time, Cargill has contacted the Corps Regulatory Branch on at least two occasions regarding their plan to develop the Salt Ponds site.

Currently, Cargill Inc. is conducting an extensive public outreach program to inform the public of their proposal to develop the Redwood City Salt Ponds site. The proposed development would involve a combination of housing development, commercial development, and wetland restoration. On October 15, 2007, a group of representatives from the San Francisco District Regulatory Branch, the Office of Counsel, and the District Engineer conducted a site visit with representatives from Cargill in order to gain further understanding of the site and Cargill's proposal. At that time, the San Francisco District recommended Cargill begin preparation of a jurisdictional delineation for the proposed project site, which is a standard procedure of any proposed project requiring a Corps application. In subsequent meetings on December 17, 2007, and February 22, 2008, the District reiterated its request for a jurisdictional delineation report as well as requesting a permit application. In addition, Corps staff from Headquarters, South Pacific Division, and San Francisco District conducted a site visit of the Redwood Salt Ponds with Cargill and DMB representatives on September 5, 2008. The San Francisco District has a long track record of asserting jurisdiction over diked tidal sloughs and areas within Salt Ponds in the San Pablo Bay area at the Napa and Sonoma Marshes Wildlife Area, and at Cargill's Napa Salt Ponds Site as well as in former Cargill salt ponds in South San Francisco Bay.

It is expected the proposed project would be an extremely controversial permit action for the Corps given the high visibility, and ecological potential of the site. The area is located in South San Francisco Bay adjacent to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge, and could involve consultation on numerous federally threatened and endangered species. In addition, numerous environmental groups have voiced their concern over development of the site.

STATUS: San Francisco District is awaiting a jurisdictional delineation report and permit application from Cargill in order to verify the extent of Section 404 and Section 10 jurisdiction on the proposed project site and to commence the permit application evaluation. The District has also offered to perform the jurisdictional delineation for Cargill. Cargill is proposing ongoing meetings to discuss the proposed development of the site.

POINTS OF CONTACT: Regulatory Division Chief, Jane Hicks (415) 503-6771; South Branch Chief, Mark D'Avignon (415)503-6773; Permit Manager, Katerina Galacatos (415) 503-6778.

**From:** [Hicks, Jane M SPN](#)  
**To:** [Kiley, Craig W. LTC SPN](#); [Goodenough, Merry SPN](#); [D'Avignon, Mark R SPN](#); [Kerns, Jack SPN](#); [Galacatos, Katerina SPN](#)  
**Cc:** [Edwards, Adam T MAJ SPN](#)  
**Subject:** Cargill and Redwood City salt ponds - request to meet with EPA HQ  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 23, 2008 3:12:25 PM  
**Attachments:** [PeckMtgRequest042308.pdf](#)

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FYI - Cargill has requested a meeting with Greg Peck of EPA HQ in early June/late May to discuss the Redwood City salt ponds. I will mention this in this week's Reg blurb for LTC Kiley's SPN update to BG McMahon.

-----Original Message-----

From: Smith.DavidW@epamail.epa.gov [<mailto:Smith.DavidW@epamail.epa.gov>]  
Sent: Wednesday, April 23, 2008 2:59 PM  
To: Hicks, Jane M SPN  
Subject: Fw: REVISED: From Virginia Albrecht - Meeting Request

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David Evans/DC/USEPA/U S	To DavidW Smith/R9/USEPA/US@EPA
04/23/2008 02:35 PM	cc Brian Frazer/DC/USEPA/US@EPA, Robert Wood/DC/USEPA/US@EPA
	Subject Fw: REVISED: From Virginia Albrecht - Meeting Request

No immediate rush, but we'll want to talk with you in advance of this meeting, which will likely be either June 2 or 3.

Dave

David Evans, Director  
Wetlands Division  
Office of Wetlands, Oceans and Watersheds  
(202) 566-0535

----- Forwarded by David Evans/DC/USEPA/US on 04/23/2008 05:34 PM -----

Gregory

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To  
04/23/2008 04:21 PM David Evans/DC/USEPA/US@EPA  
cc  
Kevin Minoli/DC/USEPA/US@EPA,  
Suzanne Schwartz/DC/USEPA/US@EPA  
Subject  
Fw: REVISED: From Virginia  
Albrecht - Meeting Request

Dave:

Attached is a request from Ms. Albrecht for a meeting on behalf of her clients (Redwood City, CA developers). Ben and I met with these folks once - the development is "directly abutting" S.F. Bay in some old salt ponds, although I thought it was their contention that none of the ponds are WOUS. Not sure what specific issue they want to discuss - but its surely 404 related. Could WD take the lead in scheduling this meeting and send Kevin and me an invitation.

Thanks,  
Greg

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Chief of Staff  
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----- Forwarded by Gregory Peck/DC/USEPA/US on 04/23/2008 04:15 PM -----

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Gregory Peck/DC/USEPA/US@EPA  
cc  
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PM Subject  
REVISED: From Virginia Albrecht -  
Meeting Request

Mr. Peck: Attached is a meeting request sent on behalf of Virginia Albrecht, Hunton & Williams, requesting a meeting with you on May 28, 29, or 30, or June 2 or 3. We hope that you, and if possible, Messrs Dave Evans, Brian Frazer, Rob Wood, and/or Kevin Minoli, will be available.

Thank you for your consideration.

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April 23, 2008

**Via E-Mail (peck.gregory@epa.gov)**

Mr. Greg Peck  
Chief of Staff, Office of Water  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Ariel Rios Federal Building  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Room 4101M  
Washington, D.C. 20460

**Re: Meeting Request**

Dear Greg:

I am writing to request a one-hour meeting with you on May 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, or 30<sup>th</sup> or June 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> to discuss a proposed project in Redwood City, California, in the San Francisco Bay area. Our clients have engaged in extensive community outreach and have had some contact with various federal and state agencies regarding the project. As plans for the site are beginning to take form, we would like to meet with you, and if possible, counsel and regulatory officials, to discuss some questions we have regarding the regulatory process and how to move forward.

My office will contact your staff to follow-up on this request, or you may contact Sherry Fisher at 202-778-2229. If you would like to speak with me, my direct line is 202-955-1943.

Sincerely,

/s/ Virginia S. Albrecht

Virginia S. Albrecht

**From:** [Hicks, Jane M SPN](#)  
**To:** [D'Avignon, Mark R SPN](#)  
**Cc:** [Straub, Peter S SPN](#); [Goodenough, Merry SPN](#); [Kerns, Jack SPN](#); [Galacatos, Katerina SPN](#)  
**Subject:** Cargill fact sheet  
**Date:** Friday, August 29, 2008 6:01:45 AM

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Hi, Mark, please send the latest Cargill Redwood City salt ponds fact sheet to Jennifer Moyer and Dave Olsen at hq. Thanks, Jane

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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**To:** [Goodenough, Merry SPN](#); [D'Avignon, Mark R SPN](#); [Kerns, Jack SPN](#); [Galacatos, Katerina SPN](#)  
**Subject:** Cargill Redwood City fact sheet - please review one more time  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 04, 2008 10:56:33 AM

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Please review the attached Cargill Redwood City salt ponds one more time, preferably by 1300 hrs today. I've incorporated comments from Merry and Mark. I'm planning to send the fact sheet to Kim McLaughlin at HQ this afternoon. Thanks, J

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**Cc:** [Edwards, Adam T MAJ SPN](#)  
**Subject:** Cargill Redwood City ponds  
**Date:** Friday, May 30, 2008 10:12:11 AM  
**Attachments:** [Cargill Redwood City0508.doc](#)

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All,

Kim McLaughlin from HQ called this morning to request an updated fact sheet on the Cargill Redwood City salt ponds. Virginia Albrecht will be meeting with Chip Smith and Steve Stockton on or about July 15, 2008 (a meeting next week was cancelled) to discuss the site. I have revised Mark's fact sheet from last November to reflect recent meetings and requests to Cargill. Please review it at your earliest convenience. Kim would like the fact sheet sometime next week.

Thanks, Jane

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POINT OF CONTACT: Regulatory Division Chief, Jane Hicks (415) 503-6771.

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**Subject:** Coordination meeting with EPA

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When: Tuesday, December 01, 2009 9:00 AM-10:00 AM (GMT-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada).

Where: bone room - Corps offices

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**From:** [Patrick, Tina SPN](#)  
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