



Superfund and You

Environmental Resource Specialist

In a recent Town Meeting, EPA announced the creation of a new position in Libby – the *Environmental Resource Specialist* (ERS). EPA developed the ERS position with the specific purpose of helping area residents with questions and concerns about vermiculite and Libby Amphibole asbestos (LA).

The ERS position is *currently* filled by EPA's on-site manager, Mike Cirian. After EPA's work in Libby is done, the position will continue to be funded as one means of ensuring that the permanence of the remediation.

As a general rule, the ERS should be your first call for questions about:

- General asbestos issues
- MT Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) asbestos regulations and requirements
- EPA guidelines and criteria for removing LA and vermiculite
- Removal, transportation and disposal of LA-contaminated materials

The ERS may also be able to assist with:

- Building inspections
- Sample collection and shipping for analysis
- Advice to owners during remodeling and demolition about the handling of LA to reduce exposure

- Advice for contractors who run into LA or vermiculite
- Education and training to local owners, residents, contractors, and workers
- Enforcement of any local ordinances enacted to regulate LA or vermiculite

The ERS has a dedicated telephone line (**406-293-5335**) and is always available during regular business hours. For special situations that arise on nights and weekends, callers can leave a message, and the ERS *will* return their call.

In March and April, EPA mailed out status letters to over 2,000 Libby households. A refrigerator magnet with ERS contact information was included with those letters to help keep the contact number handy. If you didn't receive a magnet, or would like another, you can get one at the EPA Information Center. Please don't hesitate to stop by at 501 Mineral Avenue or call us at (406) 293-6194.

As always, area residents are encouraged to learn more about the site by attending a monthly Community Advisory Group or Technical Assistance Group meeting. The dates and times are announced in the papers in advance. EPA thanks you for your support and understanding in this process.