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The Honorable Brian Schweitzer
Governor, State of Montana
State Capitol
P.O. Box 200801
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Re: Flat Creek IMM Site

Dear Governor Schweitzer:

Thank you for your January 6, 2009, letter supporting the placement of the Flat Creek IMM Site on the Superfund National Priorities List (NPL). We expect the site proposal to be published in the Federal Register in March 2009. This will begin a 60-day public comment period. Once all comments have been addressed, the site should be published in the Federal Register as final.

EPA shares your concerns with having a high level of community involvement as plans are developed to address the threats posed by the Site. We are committed to spending time working cooperatively with the community to assure the cleanup will address the local community, Town of Superior, and Mineral County's concerns. Listing on the NPL will also enable the community to apply for a Technical Assistance Grant. This grant provides funds for a community group to hire technical specialists to assist in reviewing and interpreting technical documents.

We will continue to work closely with all stakeholders to provide an expeditious cleanup.

Sincerely,

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