Libby Asbestos Superfund Site
February 12, 2014 – O&M Work Meeting Discussion Notes
FVCC – Lincoln County Campus

AT A GLANCE:

Next meeting: April 16, 2014 (tentative)
8 a.m. – 10 a.m.
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ACTIONS Needed/Agenda for the Next Meeting

1. **Small group meetings – media/communication effectiveness review**
2. **ARP mini-series**
3. **Risk assessment progress – lifestyle risk measurement tool?**
4. **Property count**
5. **Five-year review interview status**

PARTICIPANTS at the February 12, 2014 Work Meeting

Participating: Nick Raines, Jenn McCully, Donna Martin, Carolyn Rutland, Dania Zinner, Rebecca Thomas, Deb McKean, David Berry, Liz Fagen, Jennifer Lane (via phone), Tommy Cook, and Geoff McKenzie; Facilitator: Sandy Matheny

AGENDA for February 12, 2014

1. **Initial small group meetings**
2. **O&M transition plan**
3. **2014 construction**
4. **ARP mini-series**
5. **Risk assessment**
6. **Background levels**
7. **Property count, etc.**

DISCUSSION NOTES

1. Small group meetings

Initial meetings have provided an excellent opportunity to talk with groups on their time and turf and have produced encouraging results. People are indicating how to best involve themselves and others. In addition to these meetings, some of the more popular sources of information (besides one's neighbors and friends), are the radio, reader boards, annual updates in the mail, news articles (paid) and the Flathead Beacon.

Additional small group meetings and follow-ups are being scheduled for the weeks ahead, with plans to continue providing general overview information and getting feedback.

Included in the topics in the months ahead are the upcoming five-year review of OU1 and risk assessment progress reports and reference concentrations; what to expect and what it means. We noted that all of this will continue to undergo the internal review process as well as external/public review.

2. O&M transition plan

EPA, MDEQ, and Lincoln County are in ongoing discussions to develop an O&M transition plan. Plans are to convene bi-monthly to define roles and expectations and outline the transition process and agreements needed along the way.

3. 2014 construction changes

Some observations offered:

- It is "okay" to say "there is still some ambiguity." Need to state clearly what is driving the changes for the next construction season.
- Unclear about "fewer properties coming up" and "far less soil being removed."
- Need to clarify terminologies: "Taking out above trace," or "generally no longer removing trace and below."
- What is "trace?"
- A clearer understanding of testing methods chosen and differing accuracy levels.
- Reaffirm that vermiculite doesn't mean asbestos.

4. ARP mini-series

The series is still being developed. Nick and Jenn will work with Jennifer to coordinate topics currently being featured. Monthly articles are planned.

5. Risk assessment

As with other superfund planning topics and processes, we noted the need to employ user-friendly terminology when communicating about the risk assessment. And once again, we noted that it is perhaps people are more interested in risk management than assessment.

To that effect, we considered the usefulness of creating an instrument that could be self-administered and measure risk based on lifestyle and history. It was observed that what is most important to people is how they can use the information personally. Then, perhaps secondarily, how the numbers are generated using what types of activities, and how that information is used to clean-up the site.

6. Background levels

Dave Berry briefly discussed current knowledge about background level concentrations, presence at elevation (below 2,400 ft) and levels outside the immediate area (Whitefish,

Eureka and Helena). Background concentration data will also be useful in talking about ongoing removal decisions.

7. **Property count, etc.**

   Information is being assembled to show current numbers of properties that are completed, left to do, still requiring investigation, and refusals or no contact. Counts could also be displayed for interior and exterior removal histories.

   The numbers will provide a clearer sense of how close the work is to being "done." Accessibility (who can access and how much in-depth) is still to be determined. It is expected data will be available by early spring.