

**Libby Asbestos Superfund Site
April 17, 2014 – O&M Work Meeting Discussion Notes
Lincoln County Annex Building**

AT A GLANCE:

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 11, 2014
8 a.m. – 10 a.m.
FVCC – Lincoln County Campus**

ACTIONS Needed/Agenda for the Next Meeting

- 1. Small group meetings – communication effectiveness, lessons learned**
- 2. ARP mini-series/EPA letters – communication effectiveness, lessons learned**
- 3. Annual meeting review – risk assessment, property count**

PARTICIPANTS at the April 17, 2014 Work Meeting

Participating: Geoff McKenzie, Jenn McCully, Lisa DeWitt, Nick Raines, Rebecca Thomas, Donna Martin, Jenny Chambers, Liz Fagen (via teleconference), Carolyn Rutland, and Jennifer Lane; Facilitator: Sandy Matheny

THE AGENDA for April 17, 2014

- 1. ARP mini-series**
- 2. Updating BMP handout(s)**
- 3. Small group meetings**
- 4. 2014 construction season – an evolving program**
- 5. Planning for the Annual Meeting**

DISCUSSION NOTES

1. ARP mini-series

ARP is still in the planning stages for a series of regular, perhaps monthly, articles in a paid ad format. EPA also intends to develop a series of letters to the editor addressing current topics of interest.

The group concurred there are two primary precepts: (1) It is important for EPA and ARP to coordinate messages and, (2) while there may be opportunities to co-author, it will generally be preferable for the two efforts to be independent of each other.

2. Updating BMP handout(s)

Existing BMP flyers are being reviewed for current use and effectiveness. ARP is developing a simplified BMP handout in coordination with EPA. Still under discussion: (1) How many different handouts are actually needed and for which audiences? (e.g., perhaps just indoor and outdoor), (2) What does the homeowner's "exit package" look like? (3) Do contractors need a different handout? Some audiences may need more in-depth discussion, some will not.

3. Small group meetings – effectiveness, lessons learned

In addition to regular efforts, ARP has had an opportunity to visit with the Libby Chamber, the Knights of Columbus, the Troy Senior Center and the local Igniters Car Club this past month.

The meetings are producing useful dialogue and suggestions (and invitations to return), and there were also other messages of note: (1) "My property is already cleaned up so I don't have to worry about that" (risk of exposure), and (2) "I already have it (asbestosis), so I don't have to worry about that" or "it's too late for me."

These observations focused our discussion on the need for further effort in talking about maintenance of the remedy and reducing risk of further exposure (for you and your family and neighbors). We were reminded of a program we once discussed called "Keep It Clean." Recaps in annual mailings to property owners are also being considered.

A pleasant development: The Igniters have offered ARP an opportunity to provide information at the popular Ignite the Nights Rally this August. While more opportunities exist to affect public understanding through regional media, we also noted the potentially larger impact of working within smaller local groups such as the Igniters, Stokr and The Tour as an effective avenue of reaching a much wider audience.

4. 2014 construction season – an evolving program

Guidelines for the 2014 construction season are being refined based on questions and feedback from local residents and contractors. The group will continue to clarify and simplify terminology that describes a scientific, more data-driven approach, and perhaps, what will amount to a little more conservative program.

In general, the result will be that none of the properties would see any less material removed under this refined methodology, and in fact, some properties will have a bit more removed.

Note: It is interesting to look back at some observations from the February O&M meeting:

- It is "okay" to say "there is still some ambiguity". Need to state clearly what is driving the changes for the next construction season.
- Need to clarify terminologies: "Taking out above trace", or "generally no longer removing trace and below". What is "trace"?
- Reaffirm that vermiculite doesn't mean asbestos.

5. Planning for the Annual Meeting

A tentative date has been set for an “availability session” the afternoon/evening of June 10th, with the intention of possibly dove-tailing with the TAG meeting. While the venue and menu are still being sorted out, the general thought is to provide a variety of information and discussion opportunities at “hosted” tables. MDEQ and ARP also plan to participate in the session.

Topics could range from involvement efforts and risk assessment, to property counts and what the 2014 construction season looks like. The group discussed using a variety of presentation methods and configurations.

In addition, it is planned to present similar information for other organizations during that week, and before and after the annual meeting (e.g., at the Rotary, Libby Chamber, Troy Business group, etc.).