



EPA Announces Proposed Plan



for Cleanup at Libby Asbestos Superfund Site

Public Comment Period May 8 to July 8, 2015

This flyer will tell you how to get a copy of EPA's proposed plan, where to get more information, and how to submit comments.

The public is invited to review and comment on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) proposed plan for cleanup. The proposed plan identifies EPA's preferred remedial action at the Libby Asbestos Superfund Site for residential and commercial properties, parks and schools, transportation corridors and industrial park. The former Libby vermiculite mine and forested areas (Operable Unit 3) will be addressed in a separate proposed plan.

In an effort to encourage broad community input, EPA has planned a 60-day comment period. Comments will be accepted between May 8 and July 8, 2015. This flyer will tell you how to get a copy of the proposed plan, where to get more information, and how to submit comments.

What's the Proposed Plan?

The proposed plan provides background about the site, information about the risks associated with Libby Amphibole asbestos (LA), prior response actions, and a description of the alternatives considered for remediation and long-term management of LA. The plan also summarizes EPA's preferred alternative.

The Libby Asbestos Site is unusual in that so much removal work has already been completed to minimize exposure and risk. The most significant LA sources were removed while the remedial investigation, feasibility study, and risk assessment were being conducted. For the majority of residential and commercial properties, investigations have been completed and, where necessary, removals have been conducted. Long-term management tools, otherwise known as institutional controls, will ensure that the remedy remains protective and that risk remains below EPA's level of concern.

EPA's Preferred Alternatives

Contaminated soil (Alternative S6). Partially excavate contaminated soil and dispose at the former Libby vermiculite mine. The preferred alternative will address exposures above remedial action levels through excavation and disposal of soil. Institutional controls and monitoring would be required.

Contaminated building materials (Alternative B5). Remove and dispose of accessible contaminated materials. The remaining contaminated building materials will be encapsulated and interior cleaning will ensure remedial clearance criteria are met for indoor spaces. For both soil and building materials, the response action must meet the remedial cleanup goals to be considered complete. Institutional controls and monitoring would be required.

Long-term management of LA.

For both contaminated soil and building materials, a robust combination of institutional controls will be used to ensure the long-term protectiveness of the remedy by managing exposure to remaining contamination. Multiple controls are preferred to ensure that the remedy remains protective and that the best tools are used for various scenarios.

While the institutional controls need to be technically implementable, EPA and the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) recognize that the controls also need to be accepted by the community.

EPA and MDEQ are working with Lincoln County's Asbestos Resource Program and the Libby Technical Assistance Group to gather input through a series of small group discussions and interviews. A public workshop is also being planned for June 30th at the City of Libby's Ponderosa Room so that community members can provide additional input and review comments received on specific institutional controls. If you would like to participate in an interview or small group discussion, please call the EPA Information Center at 406-293-6194.

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Inside: important information about EPA's proposed cleanup plan for the Libby Asbestos Site and how to comment



Copies of the Proposed Plan

Copies of the proposed plan are available at EPA's website: www2.epa.gov/region8/libby-asbestos

Copies are also available at the following locations:

- EPA Information Center, 108 E. 9th Street, Libby, 293-6194
- Lincoln County Library in Libby, 220 West 6th Street, 293-2778
- Lincoln County Library in Troy, 207 3rd Street, 295-4040
- Lincoln County Asbestos Resource Program, 418 Mineral Ave. Libby (406-291-5335)

The Administrative Record containing all documents that support this plan is available at the libraries in Libby and Troy. *Please call the EPA Information Center at 406-293-6194 if you would like us to mail a copy of the proposed plan.*

Public Meetings

EPA and MDEQ will host two public meetings to present the proposed plan and accept formal public comments:

May 20, 2015 (Wednesday). 7 to 9 p.m. at the Kootenai Senior Center, 304 3rd Street, Troy

May 21, 2015 (Thursday). 7 to 9 p.m. at the City of Libby's Ponderosa Room, 952 E. Spruce Street

An additional meeting is planned to allow for more input on institutional controls and review comments received to date:

June 30, 2015, 7 to 9 p.m. at City of Libby's Ponderosa Room, 952 E. Spruce Street

Three Ways to Submit Comments

- 1) Place comments in a comment box at the public meetings.
- 2) Bring comments to EPA's Libby Information Center, 108 E. 9th Street, Libby, Montana 59923
- 3) Email comments to EPALibbyPlan@epa.gov or mail to:
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You can also provide comments at the public meetings.

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