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EPA OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL INVITES COMMUNITY TO LISTENING SESSION ABOUT ANACONDA SUPERFUND SITE (ANACONDA CO. SMELTER) IN ANACONDA, MONT.

WHAT: The Office of Inspector General (OIG) of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, an independent office within the EPA, will hold a listening session to solicit input from community members regarding the EPA's communication with residents about the Anaconda Superfund Site (Anaconda Co. Smelter) in Anaconda, Mont. (Deer Lodge Valley), related to:

- Site sampling and monitoring results.
- Indicators of human health risk.
- Schedules and milestones for planned and completed site activities.
- Safeguards in place for protecting human health.
- Actions needed to avoid exposure to harmful contaminants or substances.
- The overall timeliness/effectiveness of the EPA's communication regarding this site.

This will be the fourth listening session the OIG will hold in communities nationwide to obtain feedback from residents who live near sites where the EPA is working.

WHY: On February 4, 2019, the OIG announced a [review](#) of the EPA's communication of human health risks posed by sites in the Office of Land and Emergency Management's programs.

The OIG is an independent office that performs audits and investigations of the EPA and the U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board to prevent and detect fraud, waste and abuse. As a separate and objective unit within the EPA, the OIG does not direct or manage the EPA's communication of human health risks.

WHEN: **Wednesday, July 10, 6–8 p.m. MDT**

WHERE: Fred Moody Intermediate School Auditorium, 219 East Third St., Anaconda, Mont.

HOW: The OIG will hear oral statements from anyone who would like to speak to aid in determining whether the EPA has been communicating in a manner that allows impacted communities to avoid exposure to harmful contaminants or substances. A comment box also will be made available to submit written documentation.

This event will be open to media.

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