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RE: Revised Draft Final Butte Priority Soils Operable Unit Community Engagement Plan for Remedial Work

Agency Representatives:

We are writing on behalf of Atlantic Richfield Company and Butte-Silver Bow to submit the *Revised Draft Final Butte Priority Soils Operable Unit Community Engagement Plan (CEP) for Remedial Work*. The report and appendices may be downloaded at the following link:

Link:

<https://pioneertechnicalservices.sharepoint.com/:b:/s/submitted/ETJC8WYyy6BOojjIE6vvH50BMao-05idluXwcv4SM8e9bQ>

The revised report is an update to the *Draft Final Butte Priority Soils Operable Unit Community Engagement Plan for Remedial Work* originally submitted on November 20, 2020. The revised report substantially addresses initial Agency comments provided in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) January 25, 2021, comment letter as well as subsequent Agency comments made during routine project discussions.

Through the community assessment process, described in the CEP, the project team sought to gain a deeper understanding of the community and, in doing so, develop an engagement strategy that was reflective of the public interests and addressed the Agencies' general comments concerning environmental justice and appropriate usage of engagement tools.

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Additionally, the updated CEP addresses the following categories of general comments:

- Consideration of other documents in drafting the plan – addressed in the *Introduction* and *Community Assessment* sections.
- Process for determining appropriate messaging – addressed in the *Community Assessment* and *Engagement Strategies* sections.
- Description of engagement tools and management of public input – addressed in the *Engagement Strategies* section.
- Schedule – addressed in the *Implementation Schedule/Timing* section.
- Methodology for measuring success – addressed in the *Engagement Strategies* and *Evaluation Methodology and Monitoring* sections.

All specific comments are addressed within the text of the CEP, where most appropriate. Due to the extensive changes made to the revised CEP, an itemized response to comments will not be provided. Once finalized, the CEP will be made available for public viewing online, through CTEC, and at the Montana Technical University library.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at (406) 723-1834 or Eric at (406) 490-5794.

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