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RE: Butte Priority Soils Operable Unit (BPSOU) Unreclaimed and Insufficiently Reclaimed Sites Request for Change 2023-02

Agency Representatives:

On behalf of Atlantic Richfield Company, the Butte Priority Soils Operable Unit (BPSOU) Unreclaimed and Insufficiently Reclaimed Sites Request for Change (RFC) 2023-02 is being submitted for review and consideration. The referenced RFC describes the interim approach to submit all soil samples obtained for both Unreclaimed and Insufficiently Reclaimed sites in the BPSOU for laboratory analyses per methods listed in the project Quality Assurance Project Plans (QAPPs) in lieu of performing sample analysis using a field X-ray fluorescence (XRF) during the 2023 sampling season.

If you have any questions or comments, please call me at (907) 355-3914.

Sincerely,

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RFC - REQUEST FOR CHANGE

DATE September 18, 2023	RFC NO. RFC-UR-2023-02 RFC-IR-2023-02	CONTRACTOR Pioneer Technical Services, Inc.	RFP NO. NA		
CONTRACT DESCRIPTION: Insufficiently Reclaimed Sites and Unreclaimed Sites Scope		ATTENTION OF: Nikia Greene and Daryl Reed			
of Work, Appendix D, Attachment C, Section 7.0 and Section 8.0, respectively, of the BPSOU Consent Decree (EPA, 2020).					
SUBJECT: 2023 UR QAPP and 2023 IR QAPP; Soil Analysis □ ELECTRICAL □ MECHANICAL □ CIVIL □ STRUCTURAL/ARCHITECTURAL □ INSTRUMENTATION X ENVIRONMENTAL					
OPERABLE UNIT: Butte Priority Soils Operable Unit (BPSOU) MAJOR WORK TASK:		REFERENCE DWG., P.O., TAG, SPECIFICATION NO. (FOR DEVIATIONS OR DEFICIENCIES) ETC:			
2023 Unreclaimed and Insufficiently Reclaimed Sites Soil; Sample Analysis		BPSOU 2023 Final Unreclaimed Sites Quality Assurance Project Plan and BPSOU 2023 Final Insufficiently Reclaimed Sites Quality Assurance Project Plan			

PROBLEM DESCRIPTION:

Section 3.2 Investigative Soil Sampling Objectives describes confirmation samples to be submitted to the laboratory for arsenic, cadmium, copper, lead, zinc, and/or mercury (for Unreclaimed [UR] Sites only) based on field X-ray fluorescence (XRF) results meeting specific criteria further described in the *2023 UR Sites Quality Assurance Project Plan* (QAPP) and the *2023 Insufficiently Reclaimed (IR) Sites QAPP* (Atlantic Richfield Company, 2023a and Atlantic Richfield Company, 2023b, respectively). For previous soil sampling efforts performed at both UR and IR sites, both field XRF and laboratory analytical results were obtained and regression analyses are under development for future applications (Atlantic Richfield Company, 2023c). To allow additional time for Agency consideration of the proposed regression method and path forward, while also facilitating scheduled field remediation activities for 2023, this request for change (RFC) is proposed as described below.

2023 UR QAPP (SECTIONS 3.2 AND 3.3) AND 2023 IR QAPP (SECTION 3.2 AND 3.3) PROPOSED MODIFICATION:

In lieu of performing sample analysis using a field XRF analyzer as described in Sections 3.2.1 and 3.3.1, all soil samples collected will be submitted for laboratory analyses per methods listed in Section 3.3.2 of the corresponding QAPP. Field analysis of pH will be performed as described in Section 3.3.1 for all samples collected.

Upon Agency approval, changes described herein will be implemented for scheduled field sampling activities during the 2023 sampling season. Final data will be presented in site-specific evaluation summary reports.

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