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**Re: Approval letter for the Butte Priority Soils Operable Unit (BPSOU) Draft Final Insufficiently Reclaimed Sites – Field Sampling Plan (FSP) BRES No. 17 – Paymaster (dated July 25, 2023)**

Dear Mike:

The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), in consultation with the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), is approving the *Draft Final Insufficiently Reclaimed Sites – Field Sampling Plan (FSP) BRES No. 17 – Paymaster (dated July 25, 2023)* with the following comments. It is EPA's expectation that the following comments will be addressed prior to final distribution of this FSP. Please attach the Insufficiently Reclaimed Sites quality assurance project plan (QAPP) and the Unreclaimed Sites QAPP to this FSP and distribute once the comments have been addressed.

**Comments**

1. Previous Evaluation Findings. In the third paragraph, please state if the private property to the east of the site has been previously sampled or sampled under the RMAP program. The current wording is somewhat ambiguous in this regard.
2. Please confirm the naming convention for samples collected under the Unreclaimed Sites QAPP as all proposed samples begin with a prefix "IR" including the samples being collected under the UR Sites QAPP. Please revise as appropriate.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at (406) 457-5019.

Sincerely,

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