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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. 48 – Old Glory West (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. 48 – Old Glory West (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. Figure 1. To date, EPA has not agreed that all previous reclamation on private property will automatically be transferred to the RMAP program. The BRES No. 48 - Old Glory West is an example and EPA believes that the original boundary is a fairly close representation of the original reclamation work performed at this site. Therefore, if the sampling results indicate that further remedial work is necessary at this site, the areas on private property to the west and northwest that are not actively maintained by the landowner (e.g., lawn areas) must also be considered and included in the RAWP for this site, if a RAWP is necessary.
2. Sampling Procedure, Page 9: Samples being collected under the UR Site QAPP have a sample ID listed as "IR-17" indicating they are for BRES No.17. Please revise to indicate they are being collected for BRES No. 48.
3. 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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