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Interior School Dust – Investigation Summary Report – Hillcrest
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**Re: Comments for the Draft Residential Metals Abatement Program – Interior School
Dust – Investigation Summary Report – Hillcrest Elementary (April 12, 2023)**

Dear Mike:

The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), in consultation with the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), is providing comments on the *Draft Residential Metals Abatement Program – Interior School Dust – Investigation Summary Report – Hillcrest Elementary (dated April 12, 2023)*. Please incorporate these comments and submit the final version of the plan for review.

Specific Comments

1. Section 2, Field Sampling Activities: As stated in the QAPP, filter blanks, field blanks, equipment blanks and floor mat blanks need to be collected per each sampling event and at the frequency identified in the QAPP. It appears that no filter blanks were collected. These sample types should be discussed and if not collected added to the deviation section. It should also be discussed whether this affects data quality objectives.

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

Sincerely,

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