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July 28, 2022

Mr. Mike McAnulty Liability Manager Atlantic Richfield Company 317 Anaconda Road Butte, Montana 59701

Re: Approval letter for the Butte Priority Soils Operable Unit (BPSOU) Final 2022 Insufficiently Reclaimed Sites Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) (dated July 12, 2022)

Dear Mike:

The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), in consultation with the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), is approving the *Final 2022 Insufficiently Reclaimed Sites Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) (dated July 12, 2022)* with the following comments:

- If the content or the technical approach provided in the plans have changed or requires modification, please submit the revised plan to EPA and DEQ. Changes that require a revision to a QAPP include changes made to the sampling strategy, sample quantities and analysis, and piezometer and monitoring stations. Any sampling/field activity that requires such a change to a QAPP must be approved prior to conducting the activity.
- Please attach the EPA and DEQ approval page and EPA crosswalk to the QAPP and distribute as final.

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

Sincerely,

Nikia Greene Remedial Project Manager Attachments: EPA crosswalk and EPA and DEQ signature page

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