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Buffalo Gulch Forebay Parcel 2023 Expedited Well Abandonment
Plan (dated August 21, 2023)**

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September 13, 2023

Mr. Josh Bryson
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**Re: Approval letter for the Butte Priority Soils Operable Unit (BPSOU) Buffalo Gulch
Forebay Parcel 2023 Expedited Well Abandonment Plan (dated August 21, 2023)**

Dear Josh:

The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), in consultation with the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), is providing approval with comment on the *Butte Priority Soils Operable Unit (BPSOU) Buffalo Gulch Forebay Parcel 2023 Expedited Well Abandonment Plan (dated August 21, 2023)*. Please attach this approval with comment and distribute as final.

1. These wells may need to be replaced following construction for long-term groundwater monitoring, leak detection, and/or for groundwater optimization purposes within the BPSOU corridor. Please note that Atlantic Richfield will be responsible for installing any replacement wells deemed necessary by EPA in consultation with DEQ for the long-term groundwater monitoring network.

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

Sincerely,

Nikia Greene
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