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June 15, 2023

Mr. Josh Bryson Liability Manager Atlantic Richfield Company 317 Anaconda Road Butte, Montana 59701

> Re: Approval letter for the Request for Change (RFC) to the Butte Priority Soils Operable Unit (BPSOU) Request for Change (RFC)-BRW-2023-01 to the Final Butte Reduction Works (BRW) Smelter Area Mine Waste Remediation and Contaminated Groundwater Hydraulic Control Site Phase III Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) (Phase III) (dated May 10, 2023).

Dear Josh:

The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), in consultation with the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), is approving the *Request for Change (RFC)-BRW-2023-01 to the Final Butte Reduction Works (BRW) Smelter Area Mine Waste Remediation and Contaminated Groundwater Hydraulic Control Site Phase III Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) (Phase III) (dated May 10, 2023).* Please attached the signature page and distribute this RFC-BRW-2023-01 as final.

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

Sincerely,

Nikia Greene Remedial Project Manager

Attachments: signed RFF-BRW-2023-01 (electronic version).

cc: (email only) Butte File

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