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Mr. Josh Bryson
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Re: Approval letter for: Draft Final Butte Reduction Works (BRW) Smelter Area Mine Waste Remediation and Contaminated Groundwater Hydraulic Control Site Organic Pollutant Surface Water Sampling Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) (dated March 31, 2023)

Dear Josh:

The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), in consultation with the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), is approving the *Draft Final Butte Reduction Works (BRW) Smelter Area Mine Waste Remediation and Contaminated Groundwater Hydraulic Control Site Organic Pollutant Surface Water Sampling Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) (dated March 31, 2023)* with the following comments.

- If the content or the technical approach provided in the plans have changed or requires revisions, 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
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Attachment: EPA Crosswalk (electronic version) and EPA and DEQ signature page (electronic version)

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