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June 19, 2023

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Re: Approval letter for the Butte Priority Soils Operable Unit (BPSOU) 2023 Draft Final Residential Metals Abatement Program (RMAP), Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP), Non-Residential Parcels (dated June 7, 2023)

Dear Mike:

The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), in consultation with the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), is approving the *2023 Draft Final Residential Metals Abatement Program (RMAP), Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP), Non-Residential Parcels (dated June 7, 2023)*, with the following comments. Please address these comments then distribute the final version of the QAPP.

- Please ensure that all data packages received from the laboratory support a full Stage 2B and Stage 4 validation as identified in the Guidance for Labeling Externally Validated Laboratory Analytical Data for Superfund Use (OSWER No. 9200.1-85, EPA 540-R-08-005, January 2009).
- The text is correct, but please address the inconsistent formatting in Section 5.3.
- If the content or the technical approach provided in the plan has changed or requires modification, please submit the revised plan to EPA and DEQ for review and approval.
- Please submit and distribute the Final QAPP with the attached signature/approval page and the EPA approved crosswalk.

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

Sincerely,

Nikia Greene
Remedial Project Manager

Attachments:

EPA crosswalk
EPA and MDEQ Signature Page

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