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August 2, 2023

Mr. Josh Bryson
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Re: Approval letter for the Request for Change (RFC) to the Butte Priority Soils Operable Unit (BPSOU) Revised Request for Change (RFC)-BRW-2023-02 to the Butte Reduction Works (BRW) Smelter Area Mine Waste Remediation and Contaminated Groundwater Hydraulic Control Site Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) for Microbial Analysis and Biotreatability (dated July 13, 2023)

Dear Josh:

The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), in consultation with the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), is approving the Revised Request for Change (RFC)-BRW-2023-02 to the Butte Reduction Works (BRW) Smelter Area Mine Waste Remediation and Contaminated Groundwater Hydraulic Control Site Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) for Microbial Analysis and Biotreatability (dated July 13, 2023). Please attached the signature page and distribute this RFC-BRW-2023-02 as final.

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

Sincerely,

Nikia Greene
Remedial Project Manager

Attachment: signed RFC-BRW-2023-02 (electronic version).

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