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**Approval letter for the Butte Priority Soils Operable Unit (BPSOU)
Draft Final Insufficiently Reclaimed Sites - Field Sampling Plan
(FSP) BRES No. 158 – Waste Rock Dump (dated June 20, 2022)**

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Re: Approval letter for the Butte Priority Soils Operable Unit (BPSOU) Draft Final Insufficiently Reclaimed Sites - Field Sampling Plan (FSP) BRES No. 158 – Waste Rock Dump (dated June 20, 2022)

Dear Mike:

The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), in consultation with the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), is approving the *BPSOU Butte Priority Soils Operable Unit (BPSOU) Draft Final Insufficiently Reclaimed Sites - Field Sampling Plan (FSP) BRES No. 158 – Waste Rock Dump (dated June 20, 2022)*. Please address the comments below and attach the Final Insufficiently Reclaimed Sites Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) and Unreclaimed Sites QAPP to this FSP prior to final distribution.

Comments:

- Please confirm that the newly proposed boundary changes include the existing boundary (black border) along the eastern edge of the site and that the historic boundary is not being removed.
- The original source area map for BRES No 158 includes an additional oval shaped area to the south of the boundary shown on Figure 1. Please confirm if additional samples or evaluation is being considered and add original source area to Figure 1.

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

Sincerely,

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