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August 2, 2022

Mr. Mike McAnulty Liability Manager Atlantic Richfield Company 317 Anaconda Road Butte, Montana 59701

Re: Approval letter for the Butte Priority Soils Operable Unit (BPSOU) Draft Final Insufficiently Reclaimed Sites – Field Sampling Plan (FSP) BRES No. 34 – Eveline (dated July 22, 2022)

Dear Mike:

The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), in consultation with the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), is approving the *Draft Final Insufficiently Reclaimed Sites – Field Sampling Plan (FSP) BRES No. 34 – Eveline (dated July 22, 222)* with the following comments. After these comments have been addressed, please attach the Insufficiently Reclaimed Sites quality assurance project plan (QAPP) and the Unreclaimed Sites QAPP to this FSP and distribute as final.

Comments

- <u>Page 2, 5th paragraph, 3rd sentence:</u> The waste identification criteria are not land use specific. Please modify this as follows: "The site will be evaluated following the recreational action levels and waste identification criteria provided in the IR Site and Unreclaimed Sites QAPPs."
- <u>Page 2-3, in text table:</u> A majority of the FSPs identified in this table have been approved by agencies. Please update the FSP approval dates for the FSPs.
- <u>Page 4, Previous Sampling Efforts:</u> Please include additional details regarding the previous soil sampling results for BRES No. 34 presented in Table 1. Specifically, indicate if these samples represent pre/post-removal conditions, the sampling date, the sampling depth, the sampling method (i.e., discrete grab, multi-point composite), the analytical method, and any data qualifiers on the results).

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

Sincerely,

Nikia Greene Remedial Project Manager

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