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East Helena Lead Education and Assistance Program
Advisory Minutes
May 18, 2016
City Hall
East Helena, MT 59635

Present:

Kathy Moore, Lewis and Clark Public Health

Greg Hayes, PWT

Betsy Burns, USEPA

Daryl Reed, MTDEQ

Debb Tillo, LEAP

Ron Whitmoyer, Superintendent of East Helena Schools

Robert Moler, USEPA Community Involvement Coordinator

Kathy called the meeting to order at 9:05a.m. and asked if there were any public comments. Ron commented that the 10th annual East Helena Fun Run and Family Carnival would take place June 4th. It's sponsored by the East Helena Quality Education Foundation and the proceeds will benefit the East Helena School Programs. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. that morning or you can sign up online at <http://www.ehqef.weebly.com>,

Kathy then asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes. There were none and Betsy moved to accept the minutes and Debb seconded the motion. They were approved as read.

Program Reports:

Kathy reported that the health department is working toward Public Health Department Accreditation (PHDA). The PHDA is a measurement of health department performance against a set of nationally recognized practice-focused and evidence-based standards. The Public Health Accreditation Board's PHDA process seeks to advance quality and performance within public health departments. National public health department accreditation has been developed because of the desire to improve service, value, and accountability to stakeholders. Accreditation standards define the expectations for all public health departments that seek to become accredited. The deadline for completion of documentation for each set of standards needs to be turned in to the Public Health Accreditation Board by June 1st.

Debb gave the committee an update of the 811 calls, soil displacement permits issued and certifications completed since the last meeting March 9th. They are as follows:

154 – 811 calls received

17 - Soil displacement permits issued

5 - Contractor/homeowner certifications completed

RCRA:

Betsy said the IMWP (Interim Measures Work Plan) 2015-2016 was approved 3/21/16 and the comments and responses are on the METG website at:

www.mtenvironmentaltrust.org.

HS&G (Helena Sand and Gravel) is completing new culverts and approaches for the smelter area bridge to allow bridge deck placement this week.

Earlier this month, the Custodial Trust hosted a site tour and meeting with Mayor Schell to discuss construction of the ET cover test pads with Bill Albright (who was on site to help oversee test pad construction).

CERCLA:

Betsy reported that March 16th the public notice for the 5 year review was posted in the IR.

Betsy said that Superior, MT (Mineral County) is not reinventing the wheel and has chosen to use the L&C soil regulation in their county. Daryl also added that the soil lead cleanup in Mineral County is 400 ppm.

Betsy is working through the Human subjects review for the Lewis and Clark County Cooperative Agreement. Subject to approval of a QAPP (Quality Assurance Project Plan), EPA has temporarily suspended paying for blood lead screenings in the East Helena Superfund site.

On April 15th the Custodial Trust received final written approval of the Purchase and Sale (P&S) Agreement from EPA for Dartman Fields. On April 18th they received the P&S Agreement from MDEQ and MDOJ/NRD.

Kathy asked if American Chemet is considered a RCRA or CERCLA site? Betsy said it is a CERCLA site and not part of the RCRA facility.

Betsy will give a presentation at the Water Quality Board Meeting on May 28th at 5:30.

Daryl reported that attorneys for MTDEQ are reviewing the final RD/RA Consent Decree for American Chemet in which they will abandon 4 of the 6 on-site wells and have pumping limits and flow restrictions for the remaining 2 wells.

Daryl would also like to see drafts from PWT for the O&M plan they are working on for the East Fields repository.

Greg reported that PWT will be completing the sampling of the final two of 30 properties for the Long Term Monitoring program, along with approximately 40 previously un-sampled residential properties, road aprons, and flood channels. PWT has mailed out consent for access forms for the 40 properties on the list for the first time RD sampling in 2016.

He will be doing re-vegetation monitoring on the completed road aprons 2x a week and use weed control, if needed.

Greg said the GIS interactive mapping site has been very active and the day after the article appeared in the Helena IR there were over 25,000 hits for the site.

Greg reported that realtors have been unable to locate properties in Jefferson County that have been sampled by the LEAP program and are in our database. It was agreed upon by all to add them. He will talk with Jason from GIS and have that done.

Robert said he is working on outreach to realtors. He is working on the EPA webpage and has a link to the GIS on the front page. He said anything he can do for outreach and engagement with the community he is available.

Ron is pleased with the purchase and sale of the Dartman Fields to the school district. The certificate of survey has been signed by the City of East Helena but the METG still has to sign it. A deed for the property also has to be drawn up. Before the property purchase, an extensive assessment will be done by Olympus, to establish that the school district is not the responsible party. The school district also applied for a

\$500,000 DNRC reclamation grant for cleanup on the property. It will go to the State legislature for approval in March 2017.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 8, 2016 at the METG building from 9-11 a.m. with a site tour following the meeting.