

East Helena Lead Education and Abatement Program
Minutes
Program Advisory Committee
April 16, 2014
City Council Chambers
East Helena, MT 59635

Present:

Betsy Burns, EPA
Daryl Reed, MTDEQ
Kathy Moore, Lewis and Clark County
Debb Tillo, LEAP
Jan Williams, LEAP
Timmon Hayes, Jefferson County Sanitarian
Judy Leland, East Helena City Council Representative
Scott St. Clair, East Helena Cemetery Board
Steve Lindberg, SDL Enterprises

Kathy called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. There were no public comments. Kathy asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes/agenda. There were a few corrections: 1) On the agenda, the time for the meeting should be 9:00 and the spelling of cemetery was corrected, 2) The last paragraph on the first page was omitted and replaced with "MRL (Montana Rail Link) is working with the Trust on the Prickly Pear Creek alignment on the north end of the plant site." 3) The second to the last paragraph on the last page should state "may be" applying for the grant instead of "will be". The minutes were then approved as read.

Reports:

Scott St. Clair, who was representing the East Helena Cemetery Board, asked if the cemetery on Montana Avenue had been sampled for lead contamination. If it was elevated he would like it cleaned up. The cemetery falls under the recreational clean-up criteria of 3245mg/kg; the Advisory Group agreed that the risk based exposure would be very minimal and recommended that it not be cleaned up. Charley Norman, the contractor who digs the graves, has been certified through the LEAP. The LEAP staff will provide Scott with soil sampling results of the surrounding area.

Betsy will give updates to the East Helena City Council on the 1st Tuesday of the month. She will also send the draft Community Involvement Plan to Kathy, Debb and Jan. PWT has rewritten the draft QAPP (Quality Assurance Project Plan) and Field Sampling Plan and both have been sent to Denver. PWT recommended the following sampling depths in the Field Sampling Plan:

- 0-1 inch
- 0-6 inches
- 6-12 inches
- 12-18 inches

Steve Lindberg, of SDL Enterprises, suggested the following sampling depths so no blending of soils takes place:

- 0-1 inch
- 6-7 inches
- 9-10 inches
- 12-13 inches
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When the draft QAPP and Field Sampling Plan are approved and signed by the Denver office we can move forward with the sampling and clean up. The initial draft of the Pollution Report has been done and includes the majority of non-time critical removals from 1991 till 2011. There are still 23 yard removals that EPA conducted in 2006 that will be further researched and added to the Pollution Report.

Betsy would like the homeowners contacted that have previously refused to have their yards cleaned up and see if any of them would reconsider. The LEAP staff will contact these homeowners. Greg will work on getting access agreements signed for the yard sampling and clean up that still needs to be done.

Betsy is finalizing the 2014 IMWP (Interim Measures Work Plan) and providing responses to 4 sets of comments. The CGW (Controlled Ground Water) workgroup will give it's initial presentation at the BOH (Board of Health) meeting on April 24, 2014 at 1:30 p.m. METG will provide the BOH an introduction to CGW areas. On May 20, 2014 the East Helena City Council will also receive this presentation.

Daryl suggested talking with Butte about their CGW area and find out what did and didn't work there. He also reviewed the Community Involvement Plan and had no comments. Daryl is looking forward to receiving the QAPP.

Betsy asked Timmon if there was anything EPA could do to aid in implementing a soils ordinance in Northern Jefferson County. Timmon said they are waiting to see how the IC's (Institutional Controls) work in Lewis and Clark County first but would like to know a little more of what can and can't be covered under the Cooperative Agreement.

Kathy would like to start pulling together information for Lewis and Clark County's next Cooperative Agreement which is due in 2015. She would like ideas of how we can improve our program and what it will look like in the future.

Debb said East Helena residents have asked if the garden soil program is still available through the LEAP. In the past, our program has provided garden soil to homeowners up to a 10 X 20 X 2 foot area. It was discussed and will not be continued. The LEAP will work with PWT to create a fact sheet on gardening to put in the local Prickly Pear Junction newspaper. They will have it available in their office with other brochures and pamphlets. It was also noted that since the last meeting, (79) 811 calls have been received, (18) certifications have been completed, and (5) permits have been issued.

Jan stated that we will not be applying for the Lead Hazard Reduction Grant this year because the NOFA(notice of funding availability) has still not been released. We are in the middle of our budgeting process and any matching funds would have needed to been included in that process.

The meeting adjourned at 10:23 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for May 14, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.