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East Helena Lead Education and Assistance Program
Advisory Minutes
August 26, 2015
City Hall
East Helena, MT 59635

Present:

Betsy Burns, USEPA

Kathy Erickson, EPA Community Development and Outreach

Greg Hayes, PWT

Daryl Reed, MTDEQ

Kathy Moore, Lewis and Clark Public Health

Debb Tillo, LEAP

Jan Williams, LEAP

Judy Leland, East Helena City Council Representative

Ron Whitmoyer, Superintendent of East Helena Schools

Dean Brockbank, Custodial Trust

Kathy M. called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Kathy M. asked for public comments - Ron stated that the East Helena School district has 1212 students which is up from the 1159 students they had last year. This is the highest number they have ever had in East Helena.

Kathy M. asked if there were any corrections or additions to the agenda or minutes. There were no additions to the agenda but Betsy had a couple corrections to the minutes which included:

- 1) Second paragraph, first sentence – should be Jodi Powell not Judy Powell
- 2) The correct spelling of the acronym for the Quality Assurance Project Plan, noted throughout the minutes, should be "QAPP" not QUAPP.
- 3) 3) First paragraph, second page, last sentence should be test "pad" not "path".

No additional corrections were noted and the minutes were approved as read.

Program Reports:

Kathy M. stated that we will be updating the ICP (Institutional Controls Program) which TerraGraphics Environmental Engineering, Inc. helped the County write in 2013. The SAP (Sampling and Analysis Plan), which has been approved by EPA, will be incorporated into the ICP. The ICP is a guidance document for the County and doesn't need BOH (Board of Health) approval for any changes made to the document.

The County is writing a second 5-year Cooperative Agreement where core activities will remain essentially the same, but with a higher emphasis on community outreach and IC's (Institutional Controls). Kathy M. further added that we will be reviewing the Soils Ordinance for the East Helena Superfund Site, which was adopted by the BOH in 2013, and before any changes can be made on this document we would need BOH approval and re-adoption.

Kathy M. said that the DNRC (Dept. of Natural Resources) is moving forward with the CGWA (Controlled Ground Water Area) petition. It will entail 3 areas:

Sub Area #1 – No drilling

Sub Area #2 – Permit drilling

Sub Area #3 – Temporary area to study the As plume. It is also eligible for funding to do sampling.

Kathy M. stated that Mayor Schell wrote a letter to DEQ to remove East Helena from the non-attainment status for sulfur dioxide. The Board of Health (BOH) concurred and wrote a letter as well. DEQ agreed and is moving forward with the request.

Betsy said the QAPP (Quality Assurance Project Plan) has been finalized for the 23 Road Aprons (RA's), 1 residential yard and 17 Flood Channel sections. She talked with Mark Kaltenbach and he doesn't want any more work done on his property at this time. He is OK with the current situation as long as the Rail Road Station House stays covered. Betsy said she will be working with Cindy to put together a fact sheet on work that has been done on the plant site, past successes, and future work that still needs to be completed.

Greg stated that PWT has completed the final bid package for the Remedial Design (RD) and the RFP (Request for Proposal) and SOW (Statement of Work) are scheduled to go out next week. He also added that 13 of the 30 properties for the Long Term Monitoring Program have been sampled.

Ron stated that the East Helena School District (EHSD) is in the process of purchasing 50 acres of land in Dartman Field and have offered \$3,500/acre to the Montana Environmental Trust Group. The EHSD is asking for the reduced price because of various hardships dealing with Institutional Controls and lower property values as a result. The property extends down the fence line of Lake Helena Drive and back to the canal. It also includes 5 acres of flood plain. They hope to get an official commitment from the Trust in a few days.

For August 2015 the LEAP has received (94) 811 calls, (11) certifications, and issued (11) soil displacement permits. Debb and Jan are also working with PWT on updates and corrections on the L&C County GIS system.

Next meeting will be October 14, 2015 at the East Helena City Council Chambers at 9:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.