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East Helena Lead Education and Assistance Program
Advisory Minutes
Dec. 7, 2016
East Helena City Hall

Present:

Betsy Burns, USEPA
Greg Hayes, PWT
Debb Tillo, LEAP
Jan Williams, LEAP
Judy Leland, East Helena City Council

Jan called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. She asked if there were any public comments and there were none. She also asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes. There was one correction – the date for the last advisory meeting should have been Oct. 19, 2016 and not Aug 3, 2016. With that correction, Betsy made a motion to approve the minutes and Debb seconded the motion.

Program Reports:

Betsy gave the following updates for both the RCRA and CERCLA programs:

RCRA

- Envirocon has demobilized all equipment from the plant site.
- The ET cover project is complete.
- Helena Sand and Gravel is still doing some willow re-vegetation on the creek banks.
- Betsy is working with the beneficiaries on the new 2017 budget.
- There is a ground water technical working group meeting today at 1:00.
- The 1st draft for the CMS has been distributed.

CERCLA

- The Trust has delayed putting a sentinel well on the north end of the East Fields.
- PWT has been added to the SOW for the QAPP for blood lead screenings and environmental assessments.
- Betsy has approved the RRROW field sampling plan and if the weather holds out some sampling may be done this year, and if not, it will be conducted in the spring.
- The final 5-year review has been approved.

Greg gave the following updates:

- PWT has submitted the annual update for the Soil Sampling (Revision 4)
- All 58 properties have been sampled but the data hasn't been validated yet.

Preliminary results show that 2 residential yards had lead levels over the action level - QE04 had over 1000 ppm Pb in the drip line, IC29 had over 1000 ppm Pb in the Wilson Ditch running through their yard.

Frank Ritchie had three properties with As yard averages over 100 ppm in 0-1" and 1- 6" depths.

5 road aprons on METG property were above 1000 ppm lead.

- PWT still needs signed access agreements from MRL to move forward on the RRROW sampling.
- Greg plans to start working on the large acreage sampling plan.
- The East Fields Sampling was conducted Oct 10-20th. Every hole had at least 25 feet of clay. There was clay 40-45 feet in at least 10 holes and some had clay to 70 feet.

Jan reported that the LEAP participated in the annual East Helena Christmas Stoll and provided apple cider and cookies to over 300 strollers. The LEAP staff also provided education and outreach by handing out several new baby packets and answering resident's questions about clean-up and soil displacement permits.

Debb gave the following updates for the soil regulation since the last meeting:

811 calls – 55

Certifications –3

Soil Displacement permits – 3

The next meeting is scheduled for February 22, 2017 at 9:00 in the East Helena City Council Chambers.

The meeting adjourned at 10:13 a.m.