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East Helena Lead Education and Assistance Program  
Advisory Minutes  
January 13, 2016  
City Hall  
East Helena, MT 59635

**Present:**

Ron Whitmoyer, Superintendent of East Helena Schools

Greg Hayes, PWT

Betsy Burns, USEPA

Kathy Moore, Lewis and Clark County

Debb Tillo, LEAP

Jan Williams, LEAP

Robert Moler, EPA

Kathy M. called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. There were no public comments and no additional items added to the agenda. Betsy motioned to approve the minutes, Jan seconded minutes were approved.

**Program Reports:**

The group had a discussion on resampling 7 West Gail Street, the property has been sampled 2 times in the past. The group decided not to go forward with resampling after looking at the 2 sampling results. A discussion followed on how to get information out to new homeowners and renters in the East Helena area. One idea was to send out a welcome letter to new homeowners with their first water bill. The letters would only be sent to those residents living in the City of East Helena. Other ideas were to contact the Homeowners Associations of East Gate and LaCasa Grande subdivisions.

Kathy reported that the Controlled Ground Water Area (CGWA) is now an Administrative Rule and that no comments had been received from legislators and that Brian Gartland doesn't think that there are any issues with the CGWA.

Betsy informed the group that the Addendum to the 2015/2016 Work plan will be available on the Montana Environmental Trust Group's (METG) website on January 15<sup>th</sup>. The public comment period for the addendum will end on February 12<sup>th</sup>. There will be a public meeting held on February 4<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the METG offices. Also on February 4<sup>th</sup>, there will be an EHECTIC meeting from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. held at the METG offices.

CERCLA - Betsy reported that the budget for the CERCLA Clean-Up has been approved. Betsy also reported that the 5 year review for the CERCLA program is due in November of 2016 and that work will resume in February after a break over the holidays.

RCRA - Betsy reported that Helena Sand and Gravel is still working on the plant site for the relocation of Prickly Pear Creek. Betsy is working on an Administrative Order on Consent with American Chemet that states all wells will be abandoned with the exception of one injection well and one low flow well. Remedial Action will only take place on the footprint of American Chemet's property. Betsy also reported that Burlington Northern is looking into what needs to be done for the clean-up of the railroad right-a-ways.

Greg is working on the Remedial Action construction report for the 1 property and 4 road aprons that were completed in 2015. The property had one section where only 6" was removed to get below 500 ppm lead. The other 3 sections had 12" removed to get below the 500 ppm lead concentration. The 4 road aprons all went to a minimum of 6".

Greg reported that there are 2 properties remaining on the Continuous Monitoring (CM) list that still need sampling. There are a few properties on the CM list that have lead concentrations above 500 ppm and the data has been validated. Greg is also looking at the Remedial Action to see what needs to be done with regard to flood channels and 19 road aprons. The project is slated to start the first part of May. Greg reported that there are 30-35 properties on the list for sampling, all of which are first time sampling. Greg is also conducting some sampling in the East Fields to ensure no metals are leaching into the groundwater. Greg said that the interactive GIS map will be going live soon.

Robert has been working on updating EPA's webpage, but is not 100% complete. Robert also plans on updating the Community Involvement Plan and have a draft and finalized document out this year.

Ron – Betsy covered his question.

Debb updated the group on soils permits, certifications and 811 locates.

Jan – Christmas Stroll was very successful, great turnout. She couldn't have done the stroll without Betsy's help.

Next Meeting: February 17<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00a.m

Meeting adjourned at 9:59 a.m.

