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East Helena Lead Education and Assistance Program
Advisory Minutes
July 15th, 2015
City Hall
East Helena, MT 59635

Present:

Ron Whitmoyer, Superintendent of East Helena Schools

Greg Hayes, PWT

Daryl Reed, MTDEQ

Betsy Burns, USEPA

Debb Tillo, LEAP

Jan Williams, LEAP

Debra Tillo called the meeting to order at 10:05. No additions or corrections were noted and the minutes were approved as written. No public comments were noted.

Program Reports:

CERCLA: Betsy said the Pre-final Remedial Design Package has been sent to Denver (Judy Powell) for approval. The final bid package should go out to bid by the end of July or the first part of August. Betsy reported that the soils removed by American Chemet had been sampled Monday and that a decision would be made based upon the results.

Betsy reminded the group that comments on the Annual QUAPP and Long Term Monitoring Program Review should be sent to Greg as soon as possible. Betsy had called Mark Kaltenbach (11 N. Helena Ave) concerning paint flaking off the Prickly Pear Junction House and left a message.

RCRA: Betsy offered to have the next Advisory meeting at the METG offices and then take a tour of the plant site. Work is proceeding at the plant site and is ahead of schedule. Pioneer &

CH₂MHill are working with Helena Sand and Gravel and Environcon to get the ET Cover completed. Betsy stated that the Trust and EPA are working with Tim Stepp (DEQ) and Bill Albright on the ET Cover. CH₂MHill will do a test path on the ET Cover to see if it meets all design requirements within the next 2 weeks.

The 1st Property Disposition Committee met on July 8th to discuss properties that different entities are interested in. There are 3 parties that are interested in Trust property, they are as follows: East Helena School District, Montana Propane, and Head Waters.

Greg reiterated that PWT hopes to get the bid package out by the end of July. PWT oversaw the sampling of American Chemet Soils; which was conducted by Tetra Tech EMI. PWT and EPA did oversight of sampling conducted at H&L Drilling (Shawn Toney) and that the highest level reported to date was 281 ppm lead. Lance Vossler is hoping to sell the topsoil from this area. Greg noted that this sampling project identified a need for a large acreage sampling protocol to be written.

Greg also reminded the group that he was working on the Annual QUAPP and FSP and that comments be sent to him. Greg reported that there are a few vacant lots in Manlove Addition to be sampled and some road aprons that need sampling as well. The rail road FSP will be finalized after the Prefinal Design Package for Residential properties is completed.

Ron stated that he was getting a list of qualified consultants to help the school district plan and write a \$20,000.00 – 50,000.00 DNRC grant. Ron stated that the grant needs to be written and submitted by September 2015. The school district needs to get the 2015 grant in order to be eligible to apply for the 2016 reclamation grant

Ron questioned why the Search and Rescue property didn't have to be sampled before the building was built. Jan said that the program would look into what happened at the site and give an update at the next meeting.

Ron asked that the Lead Program send him a brief e-mail concerning the availability of blood lead screening to all children living in the area.

Next meeting: August 26th, at the METG offices at 9:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55.