

East Helena Lead Education and Assistance Program

Minutes

Program Advisory Committee

May 14, 2014

City Council Chambers

East Helena, MT 59635

**Present:**

Betsy Burns, EPA

Ron Whitmoyer, East Helena Schools

Kathy Moore, Lewis and Clark County

Debb Tillo, Lewis and Clark County

Jan Williams, Lewis and Clark County

Brian Obert, MBAC

Judy Leland, City of East Helena

Daryl Reed, MTDEQ

Greg Hayes, PWT

Kathy called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. There were no public comments. Kathy asked if there were any additions to the Agenda, there were none. There were no corrections or additions to the minutes for April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014 and they were approved as read.

**Program Reports:**

Betsy stated that the CERCLA program has the following items happening. Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) and the Field Sampling Plan (FSP) are being finalized in Denver. The goal is to have all access agreements, for properties that are on the list, signed by the end of May or the 1<sup>st</sup> part of June and start sampling before the end of June.

Betsy told the group that EPA is incorporating comments received on the Community Action Plan and that it should be available after those additions. The Pollution Report is still being reviewed and updated as more data is found. In the FSP the new intervals for sampling are as follows: 0-1 inch, 1-6 inches and 6-7 inches, with the 0-1 inch interval still being the sample that is used to determine if a property qualifies for remediation.

An Administrative Order on Consent (AOC) is being written for the Remedial Action for American Chemet.

Betsy then gave an update on the RCRA Program. The Trust will give presentations for the East Valley Controlled Ground Water Area (CGWA) to the following groups: June 3<sup>rd</sup> to the City Council of East Helena, June \_\_\_ as a work session for the Lewis and Clark City-County Board of Health (BOH), and a tentative date of June 26<sup>th</sup> for a presentation to the BOH.

A Notice to Proceed was issued for the Tito Park removal plan and hydro-seeding has started on the east bench. Pioneer Engineering has completed the 90% Design for the PPC Re-alignment.

Ron stated that he could get comments on the restoration out at the Public Meeting and the he would contact Doug Martin from NRD for more information concerning the restoration plans.

Debb gave an update on the Soils Ordinance. She said that locates and certifications were beginning to pick up with the spring months. Greg stated that PWT would begin the sampling of the properties on the list by the end of May or the 1<sup>st</sup> part of June. When the sampling is started sitecodes will be assigned to the properties and added to the Soils Database. Long-Term Monitoring (LTM) will be reinstated and that 15 properties from the LTM program would be sampled over the next 2 years. Greg went on to say that a new FSP specific to the LTM Program would be written. The properties that are slated to be cleaned up would fall under a Remedial Design that is specific to those properties.

Brian announced that MBAC would be taking ownership of the Caird Property June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014 and that he and Mayor Schell had met with Montana Rail Link (MRL) and talked about having the City of East Helena abandoning the R&R crossing at South Montana Ave. There was also a discussion about potential reuse of property along the acid storage tanks area.

Kathy suggested that a visit the Butte-Silverbow Program to see how they are doing with their Health Assessment could be planned for the summer. Kathy also stated that at the May 22<sup>nd</sup> BOH meeting, the issue of coal trains would be discussed and that Wolf Creek would be breaking ground for their new Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Jan told the group that LEAP staff would be writing an article for the IR that looks at the 1<sup>st</sup> year of the Soils Ordinance . LEAP staff are also planning an Open House for this summer to showcase the Soils Ordinance.

Next meeting: June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 10:00, meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

