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East Helena Lead Education and Assistance Program
Advisory Minutes
Nov 4, 2015
Montana Environmental Trust Building
East Helena, MT 59635

Present:

Betsy Burns, USEPA

Greg Hayes, PWT

Kathy Ericksen, EPA Community Development and Outreach

Daryl Reed, MTDEQ

Kathy Moore, Lewis and Clark Public Health

Debb Tillo, LEAP

Jan Williams, LEAP

Kathy M. called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. There were no public comments. Kathy M asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes. There were none and Betsy moved to approve the minutes as read and Jan seconded the motion.

Program Reports:

Greg stated that PWT's subcontractor OTS (Olympus Technical Services) started RA mobilization on October 26th at 510 E. Dudley. This is the last qualifying yard we have access to at this time to clean up. They completed a 6 " depth in one sector and 12" depths for the remaining three sectors. Backfill and compaction will commence as weather permits.

OTS also started on 2 of the 4 road aprons that PWT plans to complete this year. The two being done first are on the 400 block of E. Dudley and the other two are on the 100 and 200 block of N. Montana Ave. The remaining 19 road aprons and portions of the 6 flood channels will be completed in 2016.

KTVH, one of the local Helena television stations, covered the RA mobilization with film footage and interviews.

There are an additional 8 residential properties that qualify for clean-up and have refused remediation. The owner of 219 W. Riggs did allow PWT access to her property to perform sampling and discuss and create a remedial design (RD) for her property but has chosen not to have it cleaned up now. Daryl asked if a RD could be created for the other 7 properties. The owners will not give us access to their properties at this time. Further investigations into past soil sampling results, discussions with the owners about what they would like done on their property, as well as access to their properties would need to happen first. The decision was to wait with those RD's until that happens.

Greg has completed 28 of the 30 properties for the Long Term Monitoring program.

Daryl was happy to see the good press coverage and was impressed with the progress being done on the CERCLA and RCRA sites.

Kathy E. has been busy learning about the area. She will be updating the EPA website concerning the East Helena Superfund site. It will have a different format and be more user friendly. She hopes to update it over the holidays and go live in January.

Debb stated that LEAP received (35) 811 calls and (3) soil displacement permits have been issued since the last meeting.

Jan said the East Helena Christmas Stroll will take place December 3rd. The LEAP will join in the festivities with refreshments in their office. She also said the LEAP newsletter will be sent out today.

Kathy M stated that CGWA rules should be filed with the Secretary of the State today and the notice of the CGWA rules published in the newspaper within one week.

RCRA

Betsy said Envirocon has demobilized the site but they still have some equipment to remove from the site.

A drone was used to take pictures of the area that was hydro seeded.

Bill Albright, ET Cover Design Engineer, was out at the plant site last week for a quality control evaluation of the ET Cover and was very pleased with what was done. It was also noted that this is the largest ET cover system in the nation.

3 wells on Gail Street are hooked up and waiting for meters.

Betsy received the budget on Monday for East Helena and will look through it and then send it out to the beneficiaries.

CERCLA

The Custodial Trust, EPA, MRL, and American Chemet are still in discussions and coordinating activities concerning the rail lines into American Chemet and the East Helena Rail Yard.

The (4th) EPA 5 year review starts today. SKEO will be meeting with LEAP tomorrow at 9:30 a.m.

The next meeting will be Jan 13, 2016 at the East Helena City Council Chambers at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.